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Feds probing deadly train crash

Accident took life of local mom, injured 108

THE VICTIM - A hard-working Hoboken mom, Patricia White De Krom, 36 (right) was killed by debris due to the train accident Thursday morning. She had just left her 18-month-old daughter at day care to head to work.





TRAIN DON'T STOP - More than 100 people were injured and a young Hoboken mother, 36, passed away after a train from the suburbs careened into the end of a rail line in the tracks around 8:02 a.m. Thursday morning. The federal government is investigating.

MORE THAN 100 INJURED - Emergency workers treat an injured person after the deadly train crash in the Erie Lackawanna Train Terminal in Hoboken on Thursday morning.



By Marilyn Baer
Reporter Staff Writer

The National Transportation Safety Board said on Thursday that it has started an investigation into the horrific train crash in the Hoboken Terminal on the morning of Thursday, Sept. 29 that took the life of young Hoboken mother Patricia White de Krom, 36. In the 8:02 a.m. accident, a commuter train coming from suburban counties in New York and New Jersey failed to stop at the terminus of the Passaic Valley rail line, instead plowing through the concrete toward the waiting mass. De Krom, who had dropped off her 18-month-old daughter at day care and headed to the station to commute to work, was killed by debris. More than 100 people, many on the train, were injured in the crash.

The train's engine survived and was being questioned at Jersey Medical Center last week, where he was treated for his injuries and released.

Hours after the tragic crash, which drew international media coverage, Gov. Chris Christie and Gov. Aspinelli

Christie held a press conference on the wreckage to outline serious details. But as of press time on Friday morning, no one had answers on how such an avoidable crash happened.

“They don’t tell before that it is in the best interest to continue the prohibition,” Baer has said. He would like restaurants and bars to open in the Red Ward (on the west side of town) and other wards lacking those businesses because he believes the town demographics have changed.

There may be existing businesses with liquor licenses in those proximity to each other, but they were approved before the law was enacted.

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The divisive issue of booze in Hoboken

City Council hosts discussion on the 500-foot bar rule

By Marilyn Baer
Reporter Staff Writer

Some members of the Hoboken City Council want to repeal the city's "500-foot rule" - a rule that stipulates that no liquor licensed establishment may open within 500 feet of another - but not everyone is on board.

Repealing the rule would make it easier for new restaurants, bars, and liquor stores to open next to those already operating. In

Hoboken, 500 feet is approximately the length of one residential block (such as a block of Washington Street) or two next to each other (such as Madison Street).

In a public meeting on Monday, Sept. 28, the council heard from over 30 residents and members of the business community on the proposal.

A change to the ordinance was introduced at a council meeting two weeks ago. The proposed amendments, sponsored by councilmen Michael Rizzo and James Dupin, state, "Changes to the business environment, and the growth and redevelopment of the city"

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School unlikely to open on time

North End Elementary tests high for asbestos, alternatives sought

By JONAS PERINALE
North End Elementary School in Cedar Grove is unlikely to open on time after the building was found to have asbestos levels that exceed state standards. The Cedar Grove school board is expected to vote on whether to accept the state's offer to build a new school or to demolish the current building. School officials will release the results of the tests for the asbestos levels in the building later this week, said Jonas Perinale, a reporter for the Times.

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COURT CASE
Court case continues in August

Longtime teacher to retire

Verona High School teacher to retire after 37 years

Verona High School teacher, who has been teaching for 37 years, will retire at the end of the school year. The teacher has been at the school since 1978 and has taught in various capacities throughout the years.

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COMMUNITY RELATIONS
'Night Out' makes triumphant return

The annual 'Night Out' event at the North End Elementary School was a success, with many families and community members participating. The event featured a variety of activities and games, and was a great opportunity for the school and the community to come together.

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The West Milford Messenger

The epidemic of heroin



West Milford detective reaches out to help with a devastating problem

BY LINDA SMITH HANCHARICK

WEST MILFORD — "We're losing," said West Milford Police Det. Michael Malletti when talking about the fight against drugs, specifically heroin, that is happening here at home in West Milford, across Passaic County, the state and the entire country.

Malletti sees more than most since he is on the front line in this battle.

He has seen how heroin ruins lives, taking intelligent, promising young people and turning them into addicts, a sick and often violent disease.

He has seen the heartbreak of family members and friends. And he has seen or has affiliated with drug courts, drug courts and the faith-based care at the drug problem has grown, the effect of the increased need for money to support this debilitating and deadly addiction.

And, of course, there is the collateral damage done by this epidemic. Malletti

has seen the innocent people killed on roads by drivers under the influence, the families broken, the children who are orphaned when their parents die getting that next — and last — high.

Yet Malletti is thankful for all of this. Quite the contrary, this 15-year law enforcement professional instead sees the humanity impacted by the drug problem.

He sees the person, the human being, not in the crime. He recognizes the addiction as a disease.

“They try to handle it within the family and that's the wrong way to do it. They need to let it roll right away. The first time it happens needs to be the last time.”

Det. Michael Malletti on how courts need to handle someone by their side

help they need to get on the path toward health again.

The power of a Facebook post

Back in September, Malletti posted a comment on the West Milford Police De-



DET. MICHAEL MALLETTI ON HOW COURTS NEED TO HANDLE SOMEONE BY THEIR SIDE

partment used a method to connect West Milford Police Det. Michael Malletti to a middle-aged man who had been recently diagnosed. Much of this type of crime is fueled by drug use. Malletti urges anyone using drugs who wishes to stop to connect him. He will help.

Malletti's Facebook post that generated a two-and-a-half-hour conversation. Malletti explained that he was speaking to Michael DiLillo's comments (see box) along with those of his friends and family, as a learning tool about the heroin epidemic.

THE FACTS ON HEROIN

Heroin drops \$3 to \$5 per gram

Police say

About 50% of heroin is sold by young people. Many addicts buy twice as much heroin as they want for their services and sell the rest at a profit which is used for their next buy.

The over-prescribing of opioid pain medication leads many to heroin, a much cheaper alternative.

ford. He is a hard-drinking and out-going as a high school student. It was for fun at first, he said, to help him fit in and feel comfortable.

But he soon was enveloped by the drug, moving on to the next, more potent one.

Soon, he was a full-fledged heroin addict.

"I'm putting this as a learning tool for those that don't realize how bad this heroin epidemic is," said Malletti in the post. "I've read this young man's post and then read some of the comments his friends, family, co-workers and classmates put up. This is a man that has hit rock bottom due to heroin addiction."

DiLillo, 37, grew up in West Mil-

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The Heroin Epidemic

Linda Smith Hancharick

Local heroes to raise funds for kids

Heroes with Heart Challenge at Hands In 4 Youth Camp

BY GARY PRINCE

WEST MILFORD — Hands In 4 Youth Camp is organizing a community event and Heroes challenge for their responders, from the PD and the NYSD and the local WMPD and WMPD race and challenge to raise money for cancer scholarships.

The event, called Heroes with Heart, is on June 11, with a rain date of June 12. The day will be a Challenge for Charge Run by Day at camp; it will be open to the community and the facilities will be available for all to enjoy. The fitness challenge will be the highlight of the day of course, and they will have live entertainment, outdoor games and food and beer.

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Marshall Hill 'Lights it Up Blue'

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Building trades class lends muscle to FD

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Autism is in the spotlight during April events

BY MERION KILLER

WEST MILFORD — Staff and students of Marshall Hill Elementary School in West Milford celebrated World Autism Awareness Day and held a "Light It Up Blue" event for an awareness at school last Friday, April 13.

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For young users, pills are often 'the training wheels to heroin'

BY MADISON RUSS
Staff Writer

Another nation to hit fridge, adorned with farewell cards. They show the smiling faces of young men and women under the age of 30. All are dead from overdoses.

Atlantic City resident Amber, did not want her real name used, said these are from just a few of the funerals she's been to in the last three months.

This week she'll celebrate 20 months of sobriety, the longest she's had since she began using 10 years ago.

At 18, Amber was introduced to various drugs through a boyfriend who sold them, and it wasn't long before she read and opiate (synthetic opiate) were her favorite.

"I didn't grow up in a family that glorified drinking or drug use at all. For some reason I found that liberty to very attractive," Amber said. "There's this idea of a social stigma attached to doing pills, whether it's snorting it or using them, when you're young like that everyone is trying it."

Eventually she advanced to heroin and crack.

Amber isn't alone, she represents an emerging demographic in an addiction crisis that has swept the nation.

Heroin's changing face in America

"What's really interesting about the new usage in heroin use is the appearance in rural areas, suburban communities such as in the case of Atlantic and Cape May counties that are just far removed from the traditional center of heroin use," said Eric Schneider, professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania and author of the book, "Smoke, Heroin and the American City."

Heroin is not a new drug, or a new problem, Schneider said. It has had several dif-

ferent iterations in the United States with a specific demographic or population profile, but the last few waves of intense heroin use were focused on cities.

In the early 1980s, heroin was used primarily by white, working-class, Jewish, Italian, or Irish men living in New York City. After World War II, it became a must-by for African American drug, he said.

By the 1990s, Schneider said, more white people began using again, particularly women, but it remained a drug used by minorities. Then in the 1990s, there was resurgence among middle-class whites.

"That trend has continued into the present," he said. "What's interesting to me is the new usage of heroin use is definitely rooted in the pain medication revolution of the 1990s."

Schneider said pharmaceutical companies began pushing drugs like DepoDur for pain management with little scientific evidence.

"You see the rapid development of pill mills, where unscrupulous physicians in return for a few hundred dollars a prescription," Schneider said. "The shift to heroin is simply a question of the expense of black market pills. Even if you can afford doctors' fees and prescription costs, as if you're buying it on the underground market, it's cheaper to switch to heroin and that's essentially what happens."

Amber's story is similar. As she looks for opiate because too expensive and her tolerance too high, she switched to the cheaper alternative of heroin. The high lasted longer, she said.

"It happened so quickly. I maintained on the pills for a little bit. I did check into a treatment center when I was hooked on the pills," she said.

After being released, she said it was a

"state of denial" before she made the switch to heroin. She began by snorting it.

"I still thought like, 'I'm not as bad as some people I know because I would never use a needle.' Everybody says that. I knew all the time. Literally within the month I was using a needle," Amber said.

Before the watershed

Once arrested in Wildwood and concluded that the use of prescription drugs by this generation of young people has shifted.

A survey of students in seventh, eighth, 10th and 12th grades in Cape May County found that in 2011 only 3.3 percent of 11th graders reported having misused prescription drugs in the past month. By 2013, 6.1 percent reported misusing them.

"Educationally, when this first happened, we had to get out to the youth and the community that [opiate use] is not the training wheels to heroin," said Joe Palietta, prevention director at Cape Asist.

The non-profit has been working toward preventing and treating substance abuse through educational programs, advocacy, community involvement, as well as counseling.

Every individual and community has a different set of risk factors, or protective factors, that will lead to or take them away from substance abuse, Palietta said.

For example, those who begin drinking Amber's story is similar. As she looks for opiate because too expensive and her tolerance too high, she switched to the cheaper alternative of heroin. The high lasted longer, she said.

Palietta said Cape Asist often tries to address what factors are feeding into addiction.

For users, heroin addiction, or sticking a needle in your arm can seem like going

over Niagara Falls in a kayak, Palietta said. He said if he asked someone to do it, they would look at him like he was crazy.

"But if I snort you far enough upstream, where the water is calm, you can't see the falls. So I say, 'You get in here,' and that might be a couple beers on the weekend with my friends, it might be smoking pot because I failed my math test and I don't want to think about it," Palietta said.

"There comes a point in that progression, whether it is from alcohol to marijuana to dabbling with prescription drugs, where the current becomes very low flowing. That change occurred in your brain chemistry and you just got pulled over the falls. People don't start with heroin, it's not of where they start."

Through Amber was pulled under by heroin, she said she's a different person today and credits her sobriety to participating in a 12-step program.

"I hope that people can understand we're not bad people. Nobody means to be a bad person," she said. "With the right help and right education and the right support - we can truly be good, working members of society."

Getting back on your feet is hard, she said, but she wouldn't want to live through active addiction again.

"I have said before, if I go back out I don't want to live through that because I know how much more painful it can get," she said. "This life is so much sweeter than actively using heroin."

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administration/finance, intensive-outpatient (IOP) and medication-assisted treatment (MAT) located in Atlantic City. It is located at the Pleasantville Shopping Center on the Black Horse Pike.

John Brooks Recovery Center (Atlantic City) offers three different IOPs, women, men and mixed, each with a capacity for 40 clients. This facility is able to treat up to

600 adults on medication-assisted treatment located 1923 Seabrook Blvd., Atlantic City.

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CURRENT SOLUTIONS: OPIATE ADDICTION

Shining a bright light on the opiate problem in high school

BY MARGARET MARINO
Staff Writer

Three years ago, Marlboro Regional High School had to be proactive in the struggle against drugs by instituting a system that helps students with very real consequences if the students were found with drugs in their cars.

Now, forward to today and the latest options for opiate addiction are being explored in Atlantic County. The administration at Marlboro says they had no more than just understanding testing and a mandatory assembly to address the ramifications of drug use among high school-aged kids.

The MRI is administering, and has an affidavit in our state to provide additional programs and resources to address our students and their families about opiate addiction, including access of opiate that could harm or kill their children in order to help them make safe choices," Board of Education President (2016) says.

Margaret Marino, the student activities coordinator at Marlboro, says students for a variety of reasons, sometimes in substance abuse, but it can also be the social and family issues, stress, mental health, substance use, a range of things that are preventing students from reaching their full potential.

Marino says, Marlboro wants to help other schools in Atlantic County and what her press are doing to address

student youth. These immediate needs include shining a bright light on the huge epidemic of opiate use in the region.

"We said these discussions revealed that Washington Township High School has taken an aggressive program that talks about drug use, the substance legally, socially, academically, and physically and it is making an impact in that school district. The program was established with help and training from Sgt. Beverly Lawrence of the Gloucester County Prosecutor's Office."

CRACK DOWN
Lawrence of Gloucester County

Marino's assistant includes students from every region of the school community, willing to help facilitate a national attack on the opiate crisis.

Marino's assistant includes students, administrators, a national drug task force, members of the community in Jersey, the Marlboro's local media coordinators doing with a student video-making class.

In original projects and the curriculum, the administration called out their plans a couple months in the spring. A number of that meeting included including local government officials including local government who at 20 has already. Now, down the list, need of future addiction, being on the street and some other, have been working with others trying to get their lives together.

Lawrence's assistant, Tracy Smith, a former video associate with American Express, spoke about her experience of her daughter's addiction. She formed a new nonprofit, Speakers for Change, providing speakers with Marlboro

"It takes a strong person to step up and talk about what addiction has done to their family."

Marino says it is not enough to have someone come in once a year

"We are not waiting until someone is having a problem, that is not the way. We have to keep talking about addiction and about recovery and address the issue that we are confronting before it's too late."

Starting in September students at Marlboro will have from a different source an opiate use survey. They will have on a clear through committee, video and music for their health and recovery.

The bill will also be the start of an 18-month group of the high school for those students who have previous history of addiction.

Community member Ted Conway said, "We just need our kids to have, we are here and willing to help you however we can."

Marino Principal Mark Marino said, "We will continue to do what we can to help our students and their families, but we will be looking for the public to do a job."

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PRAYER FOR PEACE

Members of the First Presbyterian Church in Princeton gathered for a prayer service on Wednesday evening to pray for peace in the Middle East. The service was held in the church's sanctuary, which was filled with people of various ages and backgrounds. The service was held in the church's sanctuary, which was filled with people of various ages and backgrounds.

Home, sweet home
 First of almost thirty families plan to move into their new homes. The new homes are located in a residential development in the county. The new homes are located in a residential development in the county.

'No black, white or even blue'
 The end was in sight for the county's controversial plan to build a new jail. The plan was to build a new jail in the county. The plan was to build a new jail in the county.

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'SUPER' DONATIONS

BY TERRENCE T. McDONALD
IN THE CITY WITH

A super PAC that sources say is aligned with Mayor Steve Fulop has raised \$3.2 million since July, a sum roughly three times what it spent in 2013.

The fund, set up after the Coalition for Progress, released Friday evening, shows nearly half of the total raised came from companies and individuals who do business in Jersey City and with City Hall. The federal law requires PACs to disclose only outside donors, but sources say it is expected to back Fulop's period before the Democratic nomination for governor in 2017.

Companies who asked not to be identified making donations that could be seen as critical of Fulop refused an interview. A spokesman for Coalition for Progress does not have time to Jersey City.

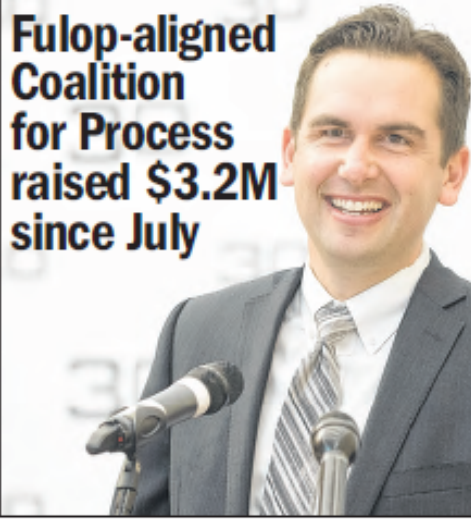
"This is a list of people in our community," he said. "It's not a list of names ... it's a list of who."

Of the six donations that top \$1 million, at least 275 — for about \$1.5 million — are contributions from businesses with contracts with Jersey City on its autonomous agenda, and open whether they are selling, or in the process of leaving the city. Some with agencies who appear regularly before city board and agencies officials.

The top donors include a company that paid \$1 million, from a Delaware holding company, D&B Partnerships, which has a bid to build a water tower. Politics reported yesterday that the firm says it will be bid the day before it donated the \$1 million, and public filings do not indicate who is behind it.

An informal PAC, Coalition for Progress can raise a limited amount. State campaign law limits donations to \$1,000 per election for a candidate or \$1,000 for a campaign committee.

Fulop's fund has no name. He said Politics.com's Coalition for Progress is not a separate entity but has a name for Fulop based on his name. Sources say the PAC, a Nov. 11 report, Jersey City's Finance Director says the entity was created in 2013.



Fulop-aligned Coalition for Progress raised \$3.2M since July

The PAC's president, Bart Metz, is a close ally of U.S. Sen. Cory Booker. Metz said Tuesday that the committee does not support any individual candidates. In a Jan. 20 interview, Metz said the PAC will support candidates at the federal level or to statewide races in New Jersey who "support the federal political landscape."

Coalition for Progress took in about \$1.6 million from donations of \$10,000 or more and about \$107,000 from smaller contributions, Metz said. The committee

is chair of Barnabas Health, the Jersey City Medical Center, owned by HCA, donated \$100,000. Last year, Barnabas purchased a city-owned building to HCA for \$10 million.

Henderson St. LLC and Obsolete Properties, both of which share a building address with Fields Development Group, gave a combined \$1 million. Fields owns the Van Vorst Street building where Fulop lives. Fields partner is Robert Casfield (a member of Governor's Executive Council).

The last two donors, Bluebird & Cole, which is now listed by the city Municipal Utilities Authority as general counsel of the Fulop's election as mayor, and a partner gave a total of \$400,000. Dreyer Equities, which owns its Montgomery St. a downtown Jersey City tower where the city and a financial institution, recently used \$10,000.

"This is a list of a regular cast of characters. This is everyone ... a who's who."

Real estate developer Paul Guerin, a former congressman who is behind numerous Jersey City projects, is leading the two town and school groups on Columbia Drive and the PAT building, gave \$50,000, and one of his partners in that venture, Joe Pappalardo. Last year, the City Council awarded a six-year contract to a local Solar project Pappalardo helped.

The PAC for the and Water which runs the city's water and sewage systems, donated \$10,000.

Other individual donors include Alex Sosen, son of billionaire Israel donor George Soros who gave \$10,000, and Judith CEO Donald Katz, who contributed \$10,000. Tom Russo is Fulop's chief political operative gave an in-kind donation of \$4,000.

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Tensions still simmer over Red Bank Charter School

DAFFIN BAKER WRITER/STAFF

RED BANK — Parents of the 11 children who attend the Red Bank Charter School are still simmering over the school's decision to charge parents \$100 a month for a "tuition" fee. The school's decision to charge parents \$100 a month for a "tuition" fee is a source of contention for many parents. The school's decision to charge parents \$100 a month for a "tuition" fee is a source of contention for many parents.

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Primary battling for N.J.'s next gov could look familiar

MIKE BARRY WRITER/STAFF

It's the old, familiar story of the N.J. election. The state's largest political party, the Democratic Party, is facing a challenge from the Republican Party. The state's largest political party, the Democratic Party, is facing a challenge from the Republican Party.

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Growing Up Hungry

Growing Up Hungry Team



Body found along Tuckahoe River
 State Police were searching for an 18-year-old who had jumped into the water Thursday. A 15-year-old Upper Chesapeake Bay swimmer was found after a search on New York's A-22.

"Childhood hunger looks like your kid, whenever you are reading this. It comes in all shapes and sizes. You're not going to pick them out of a crowd, because they are struggling to eat, as are their families."

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YOUNG AND HUNGRY

Pantry goes to those who need it most

BY NICHOLE DEBONO

ATLANTIC CITY — It wasn't in some back alley packed bar, nor was it in a sterile, no-smoking, no-liquor, no-alcohol, no-caffeine, no-children, no-animals, no-anything-but-what-you-come-for-restaurant. It was in a simple, clean, well-lit room, tucked away in a quiet neighborhood of Atlantic City. The single mother of three children, Elizabeth (name changed), 35, of Egg Harbor City, didn't go grocery shopping as a regular habit.

She used to have to go to the local government food bank, the Community Development Center of New Jersey, near the pier, which, she says, is in a "less-than-ideal" area of the city where there are people who need help finding their way.

"This helped because even though I get food stamps, it isn't enough," she said. "I try to buy fresh produce that grows in the region and use whatever I can get. I don't have a lot of money, but I will do what I can to get my kids through."

Elizabeth had learned to get food stamps in a non-stressful and efficient way that saved time. Elizabeth said she is a small person, and it's a relief to be able to get food stamps in a way that doesn't require a lot of waiting.

Local organizations, where several jobs are open, have a lot of work to do. It's not just about getting food stamps, it's about getting the most out of the system.

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More kids lack access to healthy food in S.J. than anywhere else in the state

BY NICHOLE DEBONO | JOEY WITTE

Galloway Township is a large municipality on the northern border of Atlantic County.

It has a major single housing development where through dense wooded areas and wildlife preserves. A university, a major hospital and a rehabilitation center make up the center of town. It's a beautiful area, but it's a place where people are struggling to get by.

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THE FACTS: Atlantic County has the highest number of children in the state. The number of children in Atlantic County is growing, and it's a challenge for the state to provide for them.



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1 out of 10 children in New Jersey struggle with hunger

Children	25%	Young	21%	Older	21%
Latin	21%	Black	21%	White	21%
Hispanic	21%	Male	21%	Female	21%

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REPORTING local drug deaths

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The author's blog and your history linking Ridge suggests a better present than is being shown to the world.

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Reporting local drug deaths; The silent drug crisis continues

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This is the only full-time newspaper in the state.
Russ Crespolini
Editor

NEW JERSEY, THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2013

EDITORIAL

All hot air

As the Tuesday election of Governor Christie and Council members in the state capital, the New Jersey Press Association is pleased to endorse the candidates of the Republican Party. The endorsement is based on the candidates' record in office and their commitment to the state's future. The candidates have shown a strong commitment to the state's economy, education, and infrastructure. We believe they are the best candidates to lead the state in the coming years.

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Jealousy, envy and political retribution

Conflicts of interest and a few of the seven deadly sins

Ocean City Council would have found it very simple to ignore the political aspects of the Council's actions. Instead, the Council has chosen to make a political statement by passing the ordinance on the 23rd. The Council's actions are a clear statement of its intent to make a political statement. The Council's actions are a clear statement of its intent to make a political statement.

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ANOTHER VIEW

The unsolved Chester Horticultural Heist

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A LOOK BACK

By Karen Braun

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Our Opinion

What's driving up the cost of N.J. road work?

Whether the Legislature can or cannot to improve New Jersey's transportation system is a matter of debate. But the cost of road work is higher than ever before, and it's not clear why. It's a matter of fact that the cost of road work is higher than ever before, and it's not clear why. It's a matter of fact that the cost of road work is higher than ever before, and it's not clear why.

"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME" — DO YOU HAVE MONEY?

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George Weir

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What's driving up the cost of roads; Local forum might be best kept open; State, Audubon agreement subject to open

Bruce Tomlinson

George Weir and John Scorsone are authors of the articles in this section.

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Editorial

There is no high road in this election

It's been ugly and getting uglier, for quite a long time now and really no end in sight. This is the new normal for political discourse in America.

The Presidential candidates both taking low-blow shots at the other. Each claiming the moral high ground. "When they go low, we go high" is an actual refrain from the Hillary Clinton campaign. Empty rhetoric at best. Wild lies at worst.

The jaded among us believe that the leaking of decade old video of Donald Trump bragging about sexual assault surfaced just in time for it to be an issue in the debates. Seems obvious that the timing of it means that Clinton's campaign, or at the very least, powerful supporters of Clinton, wanted to get the video out there at an advantageous time.

It seems like this kind of dirty politicking has become the norm in recent campaigns.

The last debate was all just mad slinging and childish back-and-forths amounting to very little more than "I know you are, but what am I?"

The candidates were supposed to be reaching out to undecided voters in that second debate, but they seemed to be trying their best to just anger supporters of the other by taking cheap shots at one another or by just falling back to familiar talking points, which isn't helping convince undecided voters.

They both served to fire up

their own base, but did nothing to help draw in new voters. They strayed from policy too often into realms of finger-pointing and name-calling.

Hopefully the final debate on the 19th, proves to be more substantive and less B.S. and rhetoric.

Or maybe we can have hope that the lackluster enthusiasm for this campaign will serve to show future campaigns how not to behave. The left is more voting against Trump than for Hillary. The right are more voting against Hillary than for Trump. This is likely because of the constant attacking. Each campaign is doing more to vilify the enemy than to build up their own candidate.

Politicians need to start running for themselves instead of against the other person. Sure there is a need to illustrate what's wrong with your opponent, but there should be a primary need to show voters what you're going to do if they decide to cast a vote.

Cartoonist's view



Back Talk

Women and Trump

It's interesting that the Hamilton Township mayor who endorsed Donald Trump for president remains silent while other top females drop their support for Trump. The column covering the statement of the top female elected official in the State of New Jersey Lt. Gov. Kim Guadagno has said that she no longer supports Trump or will she vote for him. Here we see the silent female mayor of Hamilton who remains silent on this issue. Our former Governor Christie Todd Whitman also came out saying that she does not support Trump and she will vote for Hillary Clinton. This column generated so much discussion this morning

on the need for the silent female mayor to withdraw her support as it's not appropriate for her to continue support knowing Trump's attacks towards women. We call on the mayor to do what is best in the best interest for the image of Hamilton Township.

— A Hamiltonian

She's allowed and expected to speak her mind on the topic. She will support whatever candidate she thinks is best, but that also means voters will remember that next time she's up for election.

— Ed Note

Gas Tax in NJ

Tell Steve Sweeney and the rest of those legislators that voted for

this thing that we the voters told them not to pass it. They passed it. They have to listen to what the people are saying. We put them in there and we are going to vote them out. All those legislators that voted for this gas tax, their butts are going to be voted out.

— A voter

They all know the risk of voting for unpopular measures like this. Hopefully they have good explanations.

— Ed Note

Get something you want to get off your chest? To contribute to Back Talk, call Ed at 609-328-0862 or email him at EdNote20@gmail.com.

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COMMENTARY

She won Iowa: Cut Clinton some slack

By Michael Parenti

WASHER, N.J. — It's the day after a presidential election. Many are asking how the loser should behave. The obvious answer is simple: lose gracefully. When it comes to the 2016 election, Hillary Clinton is the loser. She has lost the support of a significant number of voters, including her own. She has lost the support of many of her own party's members, including those who have followed her to the White House. She has lost the support of many of her own state's voters, including those who have followed her to the White House. She has lost the support of many of her own country's voters, including those who have followed her to the White House.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's get back to the business of government

By Michael Parenti

When this column was written, the Clinton campaign was still in the lead. It was a surprise when the results came in. The Clinton campaign was a disappointment. It was a disappointment to many of her supporters. It was a disappointment to many of her state's voters. It was a disappointment to many of her country's voters.

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Let's get back to the business of government; Hainesport official took 'joke' too far; Lenape, let player try out for football

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THE VENT

Should restaurants consider busy playing golf by telephone?
Paul, editor: In the morning newspaper's story about the busy play on a golf course, I had a thought. Why not let the busy play on a golf course by telephone? It would be a great idea. It would be a great idea. It would be a great idea.

Other voters of Gov. Chris Christie's State of the State speech.
"I am America. I am the people's choice. I am the people's choice. I am the people's choice."

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OUR VIEW

Teachers need support on front lines against bullying

Protecting students involved here in an educator's job. From classroom staff to residence, administration and school district conditions. An anti-bullying coordinator in teaching cannot do it in isolation but the front of bullying and violence.

There is, in particular, need for the support when they present a threat to students. That support is not the case in our education that we see at the New York Avenue School in

Atlantic City. The school's anti-bullying teacher Phillip Barrows had to be removed in April because he is the principal's brother. In October, he had already reported the same incident to the principal. Barrows reportedly was after the school was open. The principal was not there to see the incident. Barrows was not there to see the incident. Barrows was not there to see the incident.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Qualified vets needed for president, governor

From a military perspective, it is important to have a president and a governor who are qualified to lead the country. The current administration has not done a good job of handling the economy and the war in Afghanistan. It is time to elect a president and a governor who are qualified to lead the country.



The letter quoted the N.J. Report, some of the nation's leading news outlets as well as the N.J. Report. The letter was addressed to a responsible leader in the state. The letter was addressed to a responsible leader in the state. The letter was addressed to a responsible leader in the state.

Adult help suspected in kid's political letter

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Teachers need support on front lines against bullying; it's time to add 74 names to Vietnam Memorial; A.C. schools can't afford insurance opt-out payments

Owen Gallagher
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Our View

Army Corps turns back on Manville

The Army Corps of Engineers has turned back on Manville, N.J., after promising to build a new water treatment plant. The Corps had promised to build a new plant, but now it says it will not. This is a disappointment for the community, which has been waiting for a long time. The Corps had promised to build a new plant, but now it says it will not. This is a disappointment for the community, which has been waiting for a long time.

Thomas M. Dawson on Friday, June 10, 2016
Dawson is a senior editor at the Courier News.



Your Views

Featured Letter Cruel leghold traps don't belong in NJ

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Critics are too quick to label Trump a narcissist

Stanley Hershberg
Many critics are too quick to label Donald Trump a narcissist. While it is true that he has some narcissistic traits, it is not fair to label him as such. He is a complex person with many qualities. He is a complex person with many qualities.

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OUR VIEW STATE REORGANIZATION OF ATLANTIC CITY

Reneging on deals makes needed compromise tough

The Legislature might finally get the message to support the reorganization of Atlantic City. The bill is now in the Senate and the House. The bill is now in the Senate and the House. The bill is now in the Senate and the House.

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VOICES OF THE PEOPLE

Bicycles are vehicles

I was pleased to read the article about bicycles and how they are not the same as cars. It is important to have a clear definition of what a vehicle is. Bicycles are vehicles and should be treated as such.

Priety police cameras

Some law enforcement agencies are using cameras to monitor police officers. This is a good idea to ensure that officers are following the rules. However, it is important to have a clear definition of what a vehicle is.

A.C. needs headmaster

According to the article, Atlantic City needs a headmaster to oversee the reorganization. This is a good idea to ensure that the reorganization is done properly. However, it is important to have a clear definition of what a vehicle is.

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Detectives not giving up on 15-year-old Clifton slaying

TONY GICAS
Staff Writer

CLIFTON — Sunday, Dec. 16 marked 15 years since a beloved grandmother was brutally slain in her home. While the crime appears to be forgotten or unknown to the innocent Dutch Hill neighborhood, city detectives refuse to let the case go cold, and that is the belief the killer will be brought to justice.

"It is going to happen. It is a matter of when, and I am the confident work of Detective Lt. Robert Braddock as he pores over photos and notebooks about the killing that are spread across the desk in his office."

On the morning of Dec. 16, 2001, Gertrude Geraso lived her life at 1184 S. Place and 15th Avenue. She was a two-time breast cancer survivor and a diabetic. She was not killed in a dark alley but on a Tuesday morning in the kitchen of her two-story home at Sisco Place and Gregory Avenue in 2001.

When the father and daughter returned at 11 a.m., they found Gertrude lying on her back on the kitchen floor, a victim of multiple stab wounds to her neck and chest.

Investigation yielded many questions. How did she die? Why? Who was the killer? "Somebody probably looked in a mirror, the killer was unexpected," said Braddock, one of the detectives who have kept the case active in recent years.

Recently detectives were assigned to the case in 2013. They spent months in hours on the case, Braddock said, but all they had were reports of fruit flies that Braddock's killer remained at large on their watch.

"This is a grandmother to me and an all-around great woman loved by many."

ROBERT BRADDOCK
DETROIT LIEUTENANT / CLIFTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

"There were suspects that we felt pretty sure were guilty, but we weren't enough to charge them," retired police Capt. Robert Rowan said. "There was a case that can drive you crazy where one of the most difficult aspects is a person of your race."

A law enforcement source who spent years investigating the case said the police department located a group of teenagers heavily involved in drug usage. The teens were committing burglaries in the area of Clifton and in various times the case was killed, the source said.

They were apprehended while committing a burglary not far from Clifton's residence, the source said. This work, but they were also being assigned to this job."

Another promising suspect is a convicted burglar and forger Tom whose case finally closed with his conviction in Clifton. The case is now in connection with several unrelated crimes, some of which involved women eight family older than his mother.

Since the 2001 slaying, the case has changed hands four times, with each lead detective hell bent on bringing closure to a family forever mourning the grand case crime.

"I don't like that word [closure] because there's never closure for a family when someone like this happens," said Thomas Geraso, the child of Gertrude's two daughters. "The who and why is what I need."

Geraso has also died in 2006, and his wife is on Sisco Place. In 2006, Geraso said, adding both went to their graves without the answers they desperately sought. The couple remaining son, Robert, is holding on to hope and dreams of a better future for his daughter.

"If I could see her in her body again, I'd hang on to see this through," said Geraso, who now lives in Vermont. Braddock is diagnosed in the past of her mother's killer Braddock's Clifton detective.

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Tony Gicas

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PUBLIC SAFETY

2015 saw uptick in Nutley gun permits, identifications

BY HASIME KUKAJ
STAFF WRITER

Nutley experienced an uptick in gun permits and firearm identifications issued to residents from 2013 to 2015, according to records obtained via an Open Public Records request.

"The Firearms Identification Card allows the applicant to purchase long guns, rifles and shotguns," said Gun Foreman, Nutley Investigation Unit's management specialist. "It also permits the purchase of ammunition."

According to records, in 2013, there were 321 firearm identification cards issued. In 2014, the number dropped to 81, and then jumped to 183 in 2015.

"Municipal police departments outside New Jersey State Police do not track firearm permits, however, the FBI does," Foreman said.

Under state law, in order to apply for an initial firearm ID or permit, one must complete a form (F75-33), be fingerprinted, and fill out a criminal record check. Records are checked against the state's criminal database. In addition, a criminal record check is provided.

A firearm purchaser's ID is issued within 30 days of completing forms, interviews and examinations. In some cases, the process can take up to six months.

Once a card is issued, a person may purchase a long gun — either a shotgun, rifle, black powder rifle or ILL gun. If a resident would like to purchase a handgun (including

a ILL handgun), they must apply for a permit to purchase a handgun. The permit is good for 90 days, but may be extended an additional 90 days. A person may only purchase one handgun per month, and such requires its own permit.

In order to purchase a handgun, a person must have both a federal ID and a handgun purchase permit.

The application for a permit to purchase a handgun is similar to the initial firearm ID card, however, a fingerprint is not required. In 2013, 552 handgun permits were issued to residents. This number dropped in 2014 with 366

permits and increased to 268 in 2015.

Local perspective

Public Affairs Commissioner Steven Rogers, a retired Nutley police lieutenant, said that he was concerned about firearm information being public and falling into the hands of people "whose motives are not pure."

"I think people that own firearms, in this case, have a right to privacy," Rogers said. "I believe in COPRA, I also believe in rights to privacy when it comes to gun laws."

He added there was a "slippery slope," and said that he knew the

State Senate would be revisiting the COPRA law.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to come to a point where both sides of the aisle will be happy here," he said.

"The problem is, with us, we're something about American people not understanding what we're up to," Rogers said. "The states would like to know, in a community, how many firearms there are, etc."

The commissioner said that "people are exercising their Second Amendment rights."

"Nutley is probably one of the

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City skate park still not fixed

By Tony Gicas
 3.1.16

CLIFTON — Last week, fresh graffiti sprayed across the City skate park's storage facility served as a sobering reminder that months after work was expected to begin, proposed improvements for the property remain in limbo.

In addition to a mugging incident at Clifton's Skat' Zone in April involving several teens, officials said another mural recently was fired on a trailer on the property.

Among the supplies applied to the storage compartment, read a spray-painted message that "God does everything." City manager Dominick Villano said 1500 covers will measure the graffiti by power washing or painting over the area.

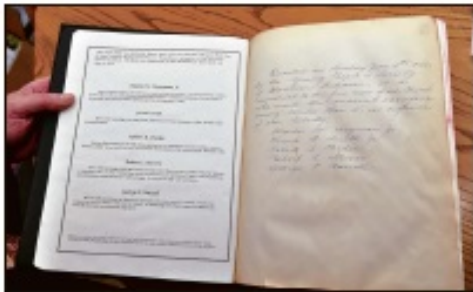
However, officials said counter measures to prevent graffiti and/or been returning to the scene of the crime are limited at this time.

"It's a mess down there," Villano said. "But I don't want to go back to the same situation where, at night, the park becomes a fire-bomb. If the City invests all this money into a new park, I want to make sure it's worth it."

Villano said the current plan is to simply maintain the property until improvements work can commence, which he hopes will occur this summer.

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Bible reveals local sacrifice



GICAS WITH QUARTER-BIND VOLUME THE United Reformed Church recently discovered a 20-year-old forgotten Bible held the stories of five Clifton men who died during WWI. Rather than replace the antique Bible, the church had it and the dedication page refurbished.

Church refurbishes Bible containing soldiers' stories

By Tony Gicas
 3.1.16

CLIFTON — A downcast house of worship discovered a sacred, forgotten page. Bible was not only in need of a revival, it also held a timely significance worthy of recognition.

Pastor Mike Weber of the United Reformed Church of Clifton said a new public Bible was among the clergy's wish list. The church staff came across a large Bible during a cleanup. It had been falling apart for decades, but being gradually restored.

"Over the years the Bible was worn and forgotten, but we discovered it again last year," Weber said.

The church had considered discarding the book from its storage until a volunteer stumbled upon an interesting notation within its pages.

At the request of parishioners, Weber accepted to decipher the original dedication, which was scrawled across the paper's thin sheets and neatly legible. The church ultimately learned that the memorial page honored local heroes who had died during

World War I.

Weber called the Bible's discovery "overlooked," pointing to his belief that the story's significance was not as obvious.

"There are no coincidences," the pastor smiled. "There are only miracles where God chooses to

make us anonymous."

This Sunday, 72 years and six days after D-Day, the Allied Invasion of Europe, the United Reformed Church on Clifton Avenue will rededicate to newly memorial public Bible in memory of five men who made the ultimate sacrifice during World War I.

All five were not only members of United Reform, which previously was a composite of four churches, including congregations in Passaic, they were also Clifton residents in their early 20s when they died.

Upon learning of the significance behind the annotation, which honored five former members of the church, the congrega-

tion decided to restore, not replace, the large Bible.

"It's a connection to our heritage," Weber said. "We know who we are by our stories, even stories of people we've forgotten. Now, these men are no longer just names in a Bible. They have a story."

The church says the holy book is from Bookbinding, a restoration company located in Greensville, Penn.

"It's kind of exciting for us," said Bishop Burkhardt, a long-time parishioner of the church who was brought in the restoration process. "These men were paid the ultimate price and, when

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'Heroic actions'

Man faces assault, weapons charge after tense standoff



HEROIC ACTIONS - A young girl of Bernardsville takes a special ribbon during the "Heroic Actions" virtual reality tour on Thursday, May 12. The event is part of the town's walk program to raise awareness for National Security.

Disband police force? P-G voters said no 25 years ago

DISBAND POLICE - Bernards Township voters in 1991 rejected a proposal to disband the town's police force and merge it with the county's. The proposal was part of a referendum on the town's 25th anniversary. The voters chose to keep the police force, which has since become a well-regarded and effective law enforcement agency.

Residents receive subpoenas on mosque

Islamic Society serves 47 in Bernards

ISLAMIC SOCIETY - Bernards Township residents received subpoenas from the Islamic Society of America (ISA) on Thursday, May 12. The subpoenas were served on 47 residents in the town. The ISA is a religious organization that has been active in the community for many years. The subpoenas are part of a legal proceeding related to the town's mosque project.



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MONTCLAIR HIGH SCHOOL
Rockin' the vote
 Student registration event set for May 7

BY MICHAEL A. SARTORI
 Staff Writer

The long tradition of the Montclair High School and its students will be celebrated on Tuesday, May 7, as the school's annual registration event for the 2016 election.

Montclair High School students are invited to participate in the election registration event, which will be held in the school's cafeteria from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event will feature a registration table, a DJ, and a variety of food and drinks.

The registration event is a key component of the school's civic education program, which aims to encourage students to participate in the democratic process.

Registration is required for all students who are 17 or 18 years old and who are citizens of the United States. The registration event is a free and confidential service.

For more information, contact the school's registrar at 973-241-1000.



TIX PIX FOR FLX

Planning Board members are looking for ways to support the arts and theater in the community. The board is currently reviewing proposals for a new theater space in the downtown area.

PLANNING BOARD
Betting on the theater
 Worries about whether arts center is sound investment

BY MICHAEL A. SARTORI
 Staff Writer

As the town's planning board considers a proposal for a new theater space, some members are questioning whether the investment is sound.

The proposal, which was submitted by the Montclair Theater Society, calls for a new theater space in the downtown area. The space would be used for theater productions and other arts-related activities.

Some board members are concerned about the cost of the project and whether the theater space will be a viable long-term investment. They are also concerned about the impact of the project on the surrounding neighborhood.

The board is expected to make a decision on the proposal in the coming weeks.



Old High School building renovation, the school site is being used for a new theater space.

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

High-level hires take priority

Acting Township Manager talks next steps in filling roles

BY MICHAEL A. SARTORI
 Staff Writer

The town's acting manager is looking for ways to fill key positions in the township. The manager is currently reviewing resumes and conducting interviews for several open positions.

The positions include roles in the town's administrative and financial departments. The manager is looking for candidates with strong qualifications and experience in the field.

The manager is also looking for candidates who are committed to the town's values and mission. The manager is expected to make a decision on the hires in the coming weeks.

ELECTION 2016
Past, present and third

Spillier runs on his record, Ebelson seeks less regulation

BY MICHAEL A. SARTORI
 Staff Writer

Montclair Mayor Tom Spillier is running for re-election in the upcoming election. Spillier is looking for ways to continue his record of service to the community.

Spillier is also looking for ways to address the town's financial challenges. He is looking for ways to reduce the town's budget and improve the town's financial health.

Spillier is also looking for ways to improve the town's infrastructure and services. He is looking for ways to improve the town's roads, parks, and other public facilities.



Mayor Tom Spillier of the League of Women Voters' annual meeting in Montclair, N.J., on Tuesday, April 27, 2016.



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Can Sussex County capitalize on legal marijuana?

BY DAVID DANZIS
The-marijuana-legalization movement is gaining momentum in Sussex County. The state legislature has passed a bill to legalize marijuana, and the state is expected to pass a bill to regulate it. This means that the state will be the first to legalize marijuana. The state legislature has passed a bill to legalize marijuana, and the state is expected to pass a bill to regulate it. This means that the state will be the first to legalize marijuana.



Part of 8 parts

Fans of Louisiana food, music get their fill at Crawfish Fest

By BRUCE A. HORTON
The Crawfish Fest is a three-day event that is one of the largest and most popular in Sussex County. It is held in the town of Sparta, New Jersey, and is a celebration of Louisiana food and music. The festival features a variety of crawfish dishes, live music, and other activities. It is a great time to enjoy the outdoors and the company of friends and family.



Steve Madsen enjoys a plate of crawfish during the Crawfish Festival in Sparta, New Jersey. The festival is a celebration of Louisiana food and music.

Ali became an icon blending sports, politics, activism

By DAVID DANZIS
Muhammad Ali is remembered as one of the greatest boxers of all time. He was a champion and a warrior. He was also a man of great courage and conviction. He was a man who stood up for his beliefs and for his country. He was a man who inspired millions of people around the world. He was a man who became an icon.



Ali was a champion and a warrior.

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Jason Nark
Reporter



The head of a shark with a gaping jaw was shown on the front page of the Inquirer on July 1935. The shark was thought to have been involved in attacks on swimmers along the Jersey Shore.

Every day whenever the water seems the most and the most just right, shark's nose is slipping gloriously into the water, search of what seems before.

The fear of sharks was born in the outback place - New Jersey and the end of some tragic attack on July 1, 1935.

"I had been thought as that time that sharks did not bite people," said Marie Levin, grand aunt of the shark researcher Ives, late in December. "Everything changed in 1935."

The New Jersey shark attacks of 1935 remain the most fatal ones and unique in history - the attacks, 70 miles apart, in one day two weeks. Three people died.

That summer was so tragic, that the State Board of Health sent down and the subsequent Bureau of Health Investigation that sent the shark to sea level.

To happened, follow. The Jersey Inquirer on 1935 - there were four attacks on 1935.



A 133-year-old female shark caught off Rahway, N.J., also was pictured on the front page of the Inquirer on July 1935.

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Todd McHale
Staff writer

Evesham police make third arrest in October home invasion beating

BY TODD McHALE — A 30-year-old man was arrested on charges of sexual assault and battery on a woman in the home of a woman who was the victim of a home invasion beating in October.

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Evesham delays decision on dissolving local water and sewer authority

BY TODD McHALE — A proposed dissolution of the local water and sewer authority remains a matter of debate in the town of Evesham.

The town council has delayed a decision on whether to dissolve the authority and take over the utility services.



K-9 visits classroom



BY TODD McHALE — A K-9 dog named "Lucky" visited a classroom at the Burlington County Jail to meet with a group of children.

The dog was brought to the classroom by a police officer and spent time with the children, who were excited to see the dog.

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Atlantic City officials now balk at state takeover talk
Mayor wants proposal changed to avoid 'fascist dictatorship'

BY JOHN DICICCO

ATLANTIC CITY — Law firm executives here for a week last month to discuss the possibility of a takeover of Atlantic City's government, but the city officials now balk at the proposal, according to a report from a local newspaper.



The report, obtained by the newspaper, said the city officials are now opposed to the takeover proposal. The report also said that the city officials are now opposed to the takeover proposal.

Trump feeling lucky as Cruz and Rubio spar
Before Nevada votes, Texas senator fires GOP spokesman for Rubio tweet

BY PHILIP BUCKNER AND DAN W. WOODS

LAS VEGAS — The Republican presidential race here tonight will be a battle between Donald Trump and Ted Cruz, with Rubio also in the mix.

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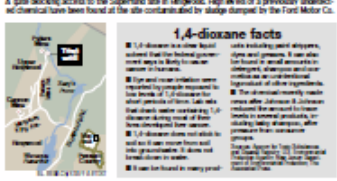
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New discovery raises concerns in Ringwood



High levels of chemical prompted tests by EPA



BY SCOTT FALLON

A gate blocking access to the Superfund site in Ringwood, high levels of a previously undetected chemical have been found at the site, according to a report from the EPA.

The EPA report says that the chemical was found in the water supply of the site. The report also says that the chemical was found in the water supply of the site.

Winds of change grounding drone sales

FAA rules, price wars to blame, sellers say

BY CHRISTOPHER MURPHY

The FAA's new rules for drone sales are causing a price war between sellers, according to a report from a local newspaper.

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New discovery raises concerns in Ringwood; EPA failed to disclose Ringwood contamination; Traces of toxic chemical in water supplies; Outdated tests failed to spot contaminant; Ringwood halts plan to build on dump site

Scott Fallon
Staff Writer

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A Michigan Uber driver admitted to killing two women in Detroit.
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Full 'STEAM' ahead!

Children's Librarian Lizzy Barnes teaches children how to use CDs, ball caps, bottle caps and glue to make their own hovercrafts during the 'Full STEAM Ahead' crafts series on Feb. 9.



Lizzy Barnes helps Andrew, 9, attach a balloon to the hovercraft body to power the vehicle.



Stephanie Gordon, 7, uses a glue gun to put together her hovercraft.

GOVERNMENT

Council may cut funds to town library

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

LEONIA — After years of allocating nearly double the minimum required amount of funding to the Leonia Public Library, the borough is considering cutting its contribution by \$225,000 this year to keep the municipal cap top under the reach of 2 percent cap.

A draft of the municipal budget calls for the borough's contribution to fall to \$614,674 in 2016, about \$154,000 above the required \$460,674 minimum calculated by the state but well below the \$639,674 contribution requested by the library.

The borough appropriated \$817,982 for the library last year, \$682,794 in 2014, \$742,962 in 2015, \$794,312 in 2012 and \$768,796 in 2011.

Borough officials have discussed making funding at the 13-year-old library for the past three years, according to Leonia's Chief Financial Officer Alyssa Baskin, so much of the borough's dependence on building tax underpins maintaining and reconstructing for greater efficiency.

"We have reduced our staff, our vendor employee receipts considerably," she said. "The library has not been asked to do more in our past and now is."

Library Director Matthew Lachure said the 25 percent cut in funding would be "completely devastating" to the library, reducing its hours by 50 percent, starting to children's programming by 90 percent and almost entirely eliminating adult and teen classes.

The collection budget would contract by 15 percent, the archives would close and the Maintenance, special workshops dedicated to science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) education, would cease to exist after just a year in operation, according to the library's perspective.

"We'd have a completely different library as a result," said Lachure.

Though the library receives donations, grants and lease aid, they make up only \$40,000 to \$50,000 of its budget. Most of the library's funding, some from a percentage of

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Svetlana Shkolnikova
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The Middle Township Gazette

*Officials: Delays in medical
examiner reports hampering
investigations*

David Benson



Officials: Delays in ME reports hampering investigations *It's been two years without a chief medical examiner for southern region*

By DAVID BENSON
Staff writer

CAPRI MAY COURT HOUSE - County officials wanted about six months for an official review of deaths from the state medical examiner's office after the bodies of a man and woman were found last year in Rio Grande.

While law enforcement had their own opinions about how John and Carrie Chabney died in early July 2013, without a state-licensed medical examiner, the Southern Regional Medical Examiner's Office, local officials could not say little to manage a worried public.

Families presided on social media throughout the summer, and people talked along the streets of Rio Grande. All manner of potential causes for the deaths of John Chabney, 31, and Carrie Chabney, 41, were mentioned after the bodies of the husband and wife were found about 100 feet into a wooded area behind 50th Street on the Rio Grande Avenue.

Some local media were skeptical that the deaths might sometimes be linked to homicide, except they had received in the wooded area, but which no one had ever photographed.

Other people blamed social life - a rapidly growing commercial center along Route 9 and Route 47 they said had brought crime, drug abuse, homelessness and marijuana use to the area of seasonal jobs.

Meanwhile, the media struggled forward within a couple of days of finding the remains, showed no signs of interest to follow body, yet did not yield the cause of death. That would have to wait for the state's toxicology report.

But that report gave the Cape May County Prosecutor's office a

way to offer a press release to allow the public's access to see a way for officials to say the deaths were not violent.

In a joint statement, July 30, 2015, County Prosecutor Robert L. Taylor and Middle Township Police Chief Chris Letourneau announced the preliminary results - and how processed those results to the media, as well as directly to the public through law enforcement's own social media channels.

In the statement, Taylor said, final results are pending toxicology results.

That meant that the steady use

still waiting for the state to tell local officials exactly what killed the couple.

The Southern Regional Medical Examiner's Office has been without a chief medical examiner since February 2014 - a year prior to the Chabneys' deaths - when William Haskins resigned his position with the Woodbury office.

Haskins had voluntarily accepted his medical license in 2006. Minutes about two months prior to being offered a position as medical examiner in New Jersey in 2011, Haskins held his position as fore-

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Community unites to help bring Logan home

By DAVID BENSON
Staff writer

CAPRI MAY COURT HOUSE - Four-year-old Logan Thresher has just one wish: He wants to go home.

The wish may seem like, thanks to an outpouring of help and donations from the community by Kelly Cantelmo, galvanized by a story in the online version of The Gazette.

Logan was diagnosed two years ago with leukemia. Recently, his parents found out that an October bone marrow transplant has failed to defeat the disease.

"It's such a cruel diagnosis, and it's progressing," said Logan's mother, Katie Thresher.

"It's progressing to his eyes, his lungs and other organs," she said. "The doctors said it's just a matter of time before it reaches his brain."



Logan Thresher hopes to go home soon, now that his family's wishes are nearly fulfilled.

Two weeks ago, while Logan was hospitalized at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, a pipe burst in the family's back yard and flooded the home. Katie and Logan's father, Charles Thresher, were at the hospital with their son when they got the call.

"We wouldn't come back," Charles said. "There was no one here," Katie said. "The house filled up with about three inches of water."

When the pipe broke, it sprayed water up into the ceiling, and Anthony Chabney 30, the owner part of the ceiling had been covered with an oil-based paint by a previous owner, the water dripped throughout much of the house, but on finding back down into the house.

Everything was ruined, said Courtney Thresher, Katie's sister. "They had to throw out the carpets, the bed, the table. They need a

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Aiming high

The Pale of the Middle Township High School boys basketball team scores in the home during the Palefest 53-46 over Wildwood Tuesday, Jan. 19 in Middle's gymnasium. Middle has gotten off to an excellent start in the season, winning eight of its first 10 games. See Sports on Page 12 for the story and more photos.

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Gravel pit ordered shuttered by township officials

By DAVID BENSON
Staff writer

CAPRI MAY COURT HOUSE - After failing to meet knowledge demands for compliance and regulations, an area gravel pit was ordered to cease mining for the next 12 to 18 years, officials said last week.

A company that owns and operates the gravel pit in a 2013 zoning law.

Four months ago, township inspectors found that a pit operated by R.S. Pavesio Construction near Felling Creek Road was both over-dig and wider than the township's mining ordinance allowed.

In an August 2015 letter reviewed by The Gazette through the Open Public Records Act, from the township to Pavesio Properties, LLC, the mining company was given 30 days to remediate the issues that inspectors said violated the township's ordinance.

According to the letter, four phases of the pit were deeper than the 30 feet allowed by the township's ordinance. The pit encroached on a 120-foot buffer at the Felling Creek Road. Finally, the pit encroached on the 100-foot buffer at the New York Avenue. Issues list.

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Cedar Grove mayor resigns

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Allegations of misconduct at Hillside BOE

**By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer**

Allegations of misconduct have surfaced at the Hillside Board of Education. Michael Schwartz, technology manager for the school district, has allegedly violated the School Ethics Act.

An anonymous source in the department, however referred to as Alpha and given code protection, told Local Source in an exclusive interview that Schwartz, who has been with the department for a general study in years, allegedly accepted a \$20,000 quote for tech training materials from Knowledge One, an online IT training company, after Knowledge One offered a free Xerox or Surface 3 tablet to each technology department employee.

Local Source has obtained all records mentioned in this article to verify these allegations.

The allegations go back to March 2015 when Schwartz received several ethics questions, including those that Hillside school district's business and technology administrator had received via email for the department's records.

As a result of tech training materials, Schwartz indicated his colleagues that he had worked out to Brian Perry, a local account manager of Knowledge One.

According to Alpha, CRT Systems, another tech training firm was at the top of the list of training firms, and the company was contacted in addition to Knowledge One. Quotes were presented by both companies, a few weeks it was decided that the department would select CRT Systems to fulfill the training contracts for \$22,000. A purchase order for the training system was then sent to Knowledge One for the approval.

The contract was signed a week later, on March 11, when Knowledge One's Perry contacted Schwartz via email asking whether the department had made a decision, to which Schwartz responded that the department had chosen a vendor company.

At this point, Perry responded with an offer: "And in some ways, we can offer to do the up front contract," Perry stated the next. "Let's let's say an Xerox or Surface for the replacement of those tablets, how much?"

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Allegations of misconduct at Hillside BOE

Elana Knopp Staff Writer



Crime Data Report released

**By Jennifer Maloney
Staff Writer**

According to a recent report released by the Department of Public Safety, the 2014-2015 Crime Report shows an overall decrease in crime for the county by eight percent. Some of the previous year's approximately 40 percent increase in crime were considered, and some personal law enforcement services.

"The total crime data shows reduction in most major categories of crime. While crime rates can be influenced by any number of factors, some speculation that an important part of the equation is the total level of education of the county and increased law enforcement cooperation," said Acting Attorney General Long in a recent press release. "I am encouraged by this downward trend in

the overall crime index and violent crime. Being forward, our commitment is to continue working collaboratively with law enforcement partners at every level to further reduce crime in New Jersey."

This report generalizes the power of crime with the overall crime statistics that track crime in each jurisdiction throughout the month of May 3. A record low crime occurred across three jurisdictions in a year earlier in June of a lower rate. Information from Somerset County were taken from the state's crime report.

Clark Police Chief Paul J. Matus reported a total of approximately 1,000 calls on Thursday, Wednesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Matus and Steve Matus were long listed that morning, beginning at 4:30 a.m.

"Very few persons in crime were taken,"

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YOUR TOWN

Hopatcong going ahead with firing range plans

Borough Council to remove site from National Area Preserve

The Hopatcong Borough Council is set to vote on a resolution to remove a portion of the National Area Preserve from the town's jurisdiction. The council is expected to vote on the resolution on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. in the borough office.

The resolution would allow the town to develop the area for residential and commercial use. The town has been planning to develop the area for several years. The council is expected to vote on the resolution on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. in the borough office.

Chili Open to be played on Saturday

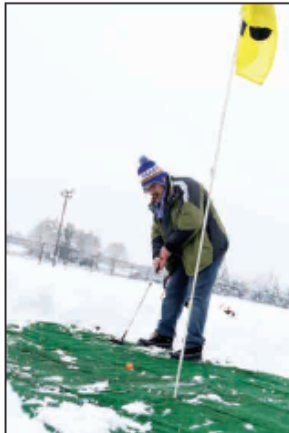
The Chili Open is set to be played on Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Hopatcong Golf Course. The tournament is a 36-hole event for men and women. The winner will receive a trophy and a cash prize.

The tournament is expected to draw a large crowd of spectators. The event is a popular annual tradition in Hopatcong. The tournament is expected to draw a large crowd of spectators.

Vernon Council rescinds sewer area expansion

The Vernon Council has rescinded its resolution to expand the sewer service area. The council is expected to vote on the resolution on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. in the borough office.

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Medical examiner testifies at Gentry trial: Haulmark died from blunt force trauma

A medical examiner testified at the trial of a man accused of murdering a woman. The examiner testified that the victim died from blunt force trauma. The trial is expected to continue on Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 9 a.m. in the county court.

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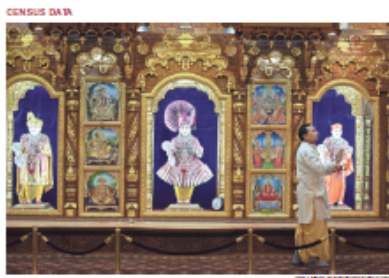
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Growing diversity

Latest census figures show a continuing boom in North Jersey's Hispanic, Asian populations



Sources: Christie wants book deal

Colangelo would sue for lawmakers' staff

MARIA ROSSI REED
New Jersey Press Association

The Daily Record and the Daily Record Online have been named winners of the 2017 First Amendment Award for responsible journalism. The award is presented to the newspaper or news outlet that has demonstrated the highest level of journalistic integrity and commitment to the public interest.

Bookkeeping update

An \$8.5 billion tax credit for bookkeeping software was approved by the state legislature. The credit is available to businesses that purchase or lease qualified bookkeeping software for their business.



A GOOD YEAR FOR EATING OUT
Dine restaurants of 2016, 2017.

Wisniewski embraces 'The Bem' in bid

POLITICAL STYLE CHANGES

Assemblyman John Wisniewski has announced his bid for the Democratic nomination for the 12th Assembly District. Wisniewski is a member of the Democratic Party and has served in the Assembly since 2012.

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Superintendents shuffle

Since the state salary cap, only seven of 39 county school chiefs have remained in their districts

By DAVID LEVINSKY and KELLY KULTYS
STAFF WRITERS
Charlotte Board didn't choose a winner in education to get into. But the state didn't expect to make a choice in 2016, so the state Department of Education is looking for the winner. The state's majority vote happened in the January election. The winner was the state Department of Education, which is now in charge of the state's education system. The state's majority vote was in favor of the state Department of Education, which is now in charge of the state's education system. The state's majority vote was in favor of the state Department of Education, which is now in charge of the state's education system.



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Tainted wells found on joint base

Chemicals linked to firefighting foam were found in four rooftop wells. More will be tested this month.

BY DAVID LEVINSKY
STAFF WRITER
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NJ TRANSIT IS WATCHING, LISTENING

Larry Higgs for The Star-Ledger

Capital construction committees on light rail trains have an unexpected surveillance system. NJ Transit video and audio surveillance systems designed to make riders secure are also recording the conversations of light rail passengers as they travel.

NJ Transit officials say the on-board cameras and audio surveillance systems are needed to fight crime and maintain security. But does on-board surveillance go too far when the agency records everything passengers say while riding, without telling commuters how long the recordings are kept or who has access to them?

Commuters generally don't have a problem with video surveillance,

officials say on-board cameras and audio surveillance systems are needed to maintain security, but how far?

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Invoking WWII in GOP war of words

Trump aide accuses Cruz's campaign of using 'Gestapo tactics,' 'scorched earth tactics'

John W. Jamrozik and Charles D. Thayer

Republicans aren't worried about Donald Trump's new campaign strategy. They're worried about the possibility of using "Gestapo tactics" after the GOP's new campaign strategy is unveiled.

"The following," Ted Hendershott said Tuesday on NBC's "Meet the Press," "is the best strategy available, and we are not in a Communist nation."

The aide's words were surprising. They had not appeared on any other major news outlet until an hour-long interview on the radio.

RETRIBUTION



Willett wins Masters as Spieth stumbles

Thony Willett, of England, captured an Indian Wells tennis title on the final day of the Masters golf tournament Sunday to win the tournament's grand prize in Augusta, Ga. AP

Analysis

America's white women dying in their prime

Jed Schmidt and Dan Keating Washington Post

While women have long been dying prematurely at higher rates than men, the cause of this mortality gap is changing. In 1980, it was mostly heart disease. Now, it's cancer, and especially breast cancer. The Washington Post, during its 100th anniversary, reported that white women's death rates have risen so fast that the white women's death rate is now higher than that of black men.

Some have explained this, in part, by the fact that the groups most likely to die are black men — the death rate is rising 20 percent.

The Post's analysis, which builds on academic research published last year, shows a clear divide in the health of white and black Americans, with the gap widening over the last 30 years. The analysis found two American demographic groups are likely to die earlier than the others: white women and black men.

The analysis shows, rising death rates are not necessarily due to lifestyle factors, such as smoking, and are not necessarily due to lack of health care.

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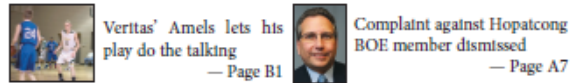
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County administrator retiring

Gruchacz leaving April 1, nine months into his 3-year contract

By MICHAEL...
SUSSEX COUNTY Administrator Joseph Gruchacz is set to leave his post on April 1, nine months into his three-year contract. Gruchacz, 57, has worked for Sussex County for 25 years. He was appointed to his current position in 2013. Gruchacz has a bachelor's degree in public administration from the University of Delaware. He has worked for Sussex County in various capacities, including as deputy administrator and as director of public works. Gruchacz is expected to be replaced by Joseph... See B1B1, Page A1

Fredon man killed in accident involving stolen utility vehicle

Man killed in accident involving stolen utility vehicle

By JOE GARDNER...
A 37-year-old man from Fredon was killed in an accident involving a stolen utility vehicle on Tuesday. The victim, identified as... See B1B1, Page A1

Students caught in the middle



Montague high schoolers fighting to stay in Port Jervis

By ERIC OBERNAUER...
MONTAGUE — Despite the fact that Montague County Schools is currently in the process of closing, a group of high schoolers are fighting to stay in Port Jervis. The students, including Sophia... See B1B1, Page A1

Experts: The FBI's iPhone-unlocking plan for Apple is risky

By ERIC OBERNAUER...
WASHINGTON — Experts say the FBI's plan to force Apple to help unlock an iPhone is risky. The plan would require Apple to create a backdoor into the iPhone's security system. Experts warn that this could... See B1B1, Page A1

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N.J. took nearly \$1.4B from your phone bill for new 911 system but never delivered



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In the fall of 2010, shoppers at the carbon-water Plaza mall in reconnected to later as a man with a rifle stalked the halls, police officers, going through each store one by one, rescued dozens of people with no injuries.

But what if those in the mall could have given police an eye into the mallowner when they could have used cellphone photos and videos, revealing their location and helping track the gunman's whereabouts?

That's the question that's been asked by some Jerseyans with a phone has paid to access their monthly bill to see what happens, handing over a whopping \$1.4 billion to Verizon.



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Wildwood local was in Orlando club during horrific shooting

Mother both grateful and heartbroken after son survives mass murder

BY MADISON RUSS
Staff Writer

WILDWOOD — Wildwood High School 2011 graduate, James Ornelas, was in the Orlando nightclub Pulse when a mass shooting killed 49 people and injured more than 50 others.

Ornelas's mother, Ivette Ornelas, said her son was not wounded, but Ornelas's best friend, Angel Colon, was shot multiple times in the back. Colon survived and has since spoken to other news outlets.

"I'm so grateful my son is alive," said Ivette, who is a Wildwood resident and secretary at Glenwood Avenue Elementary School. "I could have lost my son. I was one of the lucky ones that said my son survived this horrible, tragic event."

James Ornelas was not immediately available for comment.

Ivette said when the shooting broke out shortly after 2 a.m., she ran into the building and jumped a fence to escape.

"When he called me, he was frantic," she said. "You see them with a sword and it was later night — they just went out to have a good time. And they normally go to that club."

But she became firm on the experience in the days over the last one, she explained.

"He has his moments. Last night, he was at the right he called me crying," she said.

But she said her son has remained strong to support Colon.

"I was shortly after 2 a.m. so we were saying our good-byes, I'm hugging everyone it was a great night," Colon said at a press conference from the Orlando Regional Medical Center on Tuesday. She has heard the death. Colon tried to run, but was shot three times in the back of his leg and was transported by other club guests who were trying to escape. Colon's leg was broken as a result.

"All I could hear was the (shout), one after another. People screaming, people yelling for help."

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Happy grads

graduates celebrate success and share memories with family and friends following Wildwood High School's 110th commencement ceremony, June 10. In the center, students in red and white sashes, not more photos on page 10.

Wildwoods agree to turn taxi licensing over to GWTIDA

BY MADISON RUSS
Staff Writer

WILDWOOD — Wildwood Mayor Kevin Thomas announced at the Wildwood Board of Commissioners meeting on Wednesday, June 8 that the island's mayor plans to turn over taxi licensing to the Greater Wildwood Tourism Improvement District Authority (GWTIDA).

"We met the other day with Crest, North Wildwood, and West Wildwood, talking in regards to the taxi cabs," Thomas said. "The consensus of that meeting was that we shouldn't be in the taxi cab business, it should be turned over to GWTIDA. The taxi cabs will pay the GWTIDA fee which will in turn, come back to us."

In the past, cab drivers in the Wildwoods have stated challenges working on the island.

Wildwood One Taxi owner, Robert White, built a business in North Wildwood but cannot pick up fares from neighboring Wildwood or Wildwood Crest, although he can drop passengers off there.

White, along with former cab driver Barry Felton, appeared to the GWTIDA board to help resolve the issue in March.

"I have four North Wildwood licenses, each license is \$115," White said at the March 17 GWTIDA meeting, which opened the latest discussion of how cabs are licensed in the Wildwoods. "That would total \$2,460. \$1,400 goes to the GWTIDA fee, but I can't pick up from the Wildwoods Convention Center or in Wildwood. I just don't think it's right."

Cab drivers also pick up a fare in a neighboring town they don't hold a license in can be indicated for operating without a taxi license.

Commissioner Pete Byrne said that a taxi driver being able to drop off in a municipality but not being able to pick up a fare was "crazy."

The commissioners said that by turning over the licensing process for taxi cabs to GWTIDA, it would create an island-wide license that would allow drivers to pick up in any of the four municipalities.

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Wildwood lifeguard to compete for Miss New Jersey

BY MADISON RUSS
Staff Writer

WILDWOOD — Myra McCann, a Wildwood Beach Patrol Lifeguard and an Ocean City resident, is among 30 contestants to compete for the title of Miss New Jersey this week at the Ocean City Music Pier.

"Myra is a great lifeguard and an even better person," Wildwood Beach Patrol Chief Steve Strickland said in a press release. "We are extremely proud of her accomplishments."

For the past five summers, McCann, 24, has been following in her father John's footsteps, who previously served as the captain of the city's beach patrol.

"I've always been a lifeguard in Wildwood," Myra told news and in a press release. "My dad thought I would love it in Wildwood and he was right — I do love it."

Though McCann said there's a difference between driving her lifeguard around and wearing one in a pageant, McCann said that her training as a lifeguard has helped prepare her for the upcoming competition.

"Being a lifeguard has helped. We have to



MYRA MCCANN

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Roselle clerk on paid leave going on four years Some in Roselle government seek to avoid action, which might disclose 'unflattering' information

By Elana Knopp
Staff Writer

It may be the best job in Union County.

A borough of Roselle clerk, put on administrative leave more than four years ago, has been paid a hefty annual salary for not working ever since.

Khema Khasstein, who began working for the borough in 2005, was suspended from her position on May 8, 2012, and has been paid her salary by the borough to stay home — with no hint of termination in sight.

Khasstein, who was given leave and later placed on paid administrative leave by former Roselle Mayor Daniel Holley, has received a total of \$400,000 in since May 18, 2012, according to payroll records obtained by LocalSource through an OPRA request. And this seems to be most in sight.

According to an official letter from the township, dated May 8, 2012, sent to Khasstein from borough Business Administrator David Riven, that was obtained by LocalSource from an anonymous source, Khasstein was put on

administrative leave from a series of alleged mistakes, including a legally failing to publish bond ordinances, providing false information to the borough's local council regarding the publishing failure, failure to provide borough officials with a 2012 financial disclosure statement in a timely manner and falsification of documents to cover up this failure, and creating a hostile work environment in the clerk's office.

But the question that borough residents want answered is this: If Khasstein did indeed perpetrate those alleged actions of misconduct, then why has an investigation not been conducted, and why has Khasstein been paid more than \$400,000 for four years without any investigatory process in order to resolve the status of Khasstein's employment with the borough?

Documents obtained from an anonymous sender by LocalSource seem to provide an answer.

An e-mail inquiry was sent in June by a township official questioning the delayed investigation into the allegations against Khasstein for more than four years, as well as the

delayed termination of Khasstein's employment. In the response, written by another township official directly associated with Khasstein, that official writes that filing a legal action to terminate Khasstein might result in the disclosure of damaging information against certain elected officials associated with the borough. "...There was a concern that filing a legal case action would disclose information and issue publicly that may portray the borough or various elected officials in an unfavorable light," states the letter.

Former Roselle councilwoman Sylvia Baraga, who served on the borough from 2008-2012, said that she, along with current Roselle Mayor Christine D'Amico and many others, want answers. They also want the issue actively addressed, and a discontinuation of payments to an employee who is not actually working for the borough.

Baraga told LocalSource that the borough has not fired Khasstein because she allegedly has damaging information. See INVESTIGATION, Page 11

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Roselle clerk on paid leave going on four years

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Staff Writer

Cranford seniors hold annual Veterans Day tribute



Photo by Jaga Shear

Lita Riven salutes and presents certificates to veterans Dan Zagare, Stephen Timari and Vincent Carra in honor of Veterans Day.

By Jennifer Rubino
Staff Writer

On Friday, Nov. 11, Atria Cranford held their annual Veterans Day tribute to honor the 41 residents who served in the Marine, Air Force, Navy and National Guard. One staff member, Lita Riven, is also an Army veteran. The event began with the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem.

Atria Cranford had choir performed and patriotic songs were sung, including anthems of the armed services. Hamill Krowky, a 90-year-old resident and veteran, read a poem called "Veterans" aloud. Each veteran was honored with a boutonniere corsage. Riven also read a poem and presented veterans with a certificate and flag. Grandchildren were also thanked by students and distributed at the event.

"The poem I read is titled, 'To Our Veterans,' and it thanked them for fighting for our freedom. It was read to LocalSource over the phone." Hamill did a great job reading his poem as well. It was a very touching ceremony. We thanked all the home front workers and acknowledged the spouses of veterans too."

Veterans had a chance to speak to each other about their experiences. Riven shared her experience of her two active years and six years in the reserves.

"I was stationed in Kitzingen, Germany," Riven told LocalSource over the phone. "It was a great experience. Germany is a beautiful country with great food. I got the chance to share my story at the event. I talked about my family members as well, who are also veterans. We all shared where we went and it was really an amazing event."

Krowky's service was reported to President Barack Obama by Atria's Executive Life Director, Jaga Shear, and he received a note of thanks for his 100th birthday this year from Obama and first lady Michelle. He felt very happy when he received the letter and proud to have served his country. See CRANFORD, Page 11

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What the Storm Stole From Holgate Homes Is Replaced By Trucks

Long Beach Township Repair Underway

Seven serious sand dunes in Holgate, but Long Beach Township is covering the sandy gaps, though they don't look like new dunes.

"I'll make a long drive out of the lot and off the beach, approximately \$115,000, will be covered or mostly covered by the state, which would certainly not be shared here this year."

Long Beach Township Mayor Joseph H. Mancini said the initial replacement should be finished by Thursday, Jan. 28.

"We're building a 25-foot wide berm, where the dune was, and that's going to be about a half-mile long," he says. "The dune had five houses, which was situated south of Holgate homes."

"They're in Holgate, so had a lot of beach erosion when they were back to the ponds along on a couple dunes homes, so we lost all of the



PHOTOGRAPH BY JACK KRYWICKI
TOP: A Carolina Avenue home perches on the edge of a fresh replacement covered by aggregate storm debris (above) when the surge washed a man-made boulevard installed in Beach Haven previous to August 2011. This road, dune/tracks take the upper hand in deposit sand from a mainland quarry back on the beach in the area.

dunes during the storm. We're lucky we didn't lose that fourth hole or that would have been a real disaster."

At noon Thursday, Jan. 26, "Currently we are putting 500 truckloads of sand," he says. "We had about 150 trucks, and 150 trucks and there are about 15 trucks all the way by Thursday."

The township has contracted the recent post-flood sand replacement to Atlantic Beach Corp., a

sand and gravel supplier headquartered in Bayport. The company delivers the sand upon request, according to a press contact with the township.

The broader replacement project for the south end of the island, supported by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Great Lakes Design & Study Co., is scheduled to commence at the end of March.

"We're going to need probably another 500 truckloads before the

dunes come back," Mancini said.

The project schedule of the Corps begins the dredging in the southern end of the island in mid-March to make sure sand is in place, and then to start sand placement by the end of March or beginning of April.

"They're going to start at 13th Street on North Beach Haven and head north. We're hoping they bring another dredger in and start dredging northward," he says.

"They had to pull out of 21st to three months to dredge a million tons in Oceanic. National security (approximately) goes on, it's what it is," he says.

Mancini, requesting state help to pay the cost of the recent Midwest storm beach damage, is working officials have talked with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection commissioner.

"NJDEP Commissioner Rick Martin said he would help us on the first 500 truckloads, but on the 501st truck, we'll have to pay," he said.

"The state is not going to cover the cost of the sand, but we'll have to pay for the trucking."

Government funding request covered in other sections of the township, including Beach Haven, "in a state typical after a big storm," he said.

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Winter Storm Jonas Hits Other Areas of State Harder

Not just the long, open people were wondering if the area would get any significant snow this winter. That question was answered with a resounding "yes" by Winter Storm Jonas (by report) by the Weather Channel, which began dropping snow early Friday morning and did not stop until shortly after midnight Saturday.

Laura Frank, meteorologist from the National Weather Service in Mount Holly, said snowfall accumulations in Southern Ocean County generally ranged from 8 to 12 inches.

"The amounts were lower than in the north because there was a changeover to rain and sleet," said Frank.

"In the upstate areas, there were probably a few spots that were more than a foot. The heaviest snow in north you need the accumulation was higher. There were readings out in western New Jersey and Pennsylvania from 12 to 20 inches, and some a few places had no snow."

In northern Ocean County, which Tuesday recorded 23 inches, which 11 inches of snow fell in Stone House, Mount Holly Township in Ocean County had the most in the state, with 30 inches.

While coastal areas experienced tidal flooding, Frank said formation was much more in Atlantic and Cape May counties where officials said some areas had a total surge higher

than during Superstorm Sandy.

"That part of the state experienced the strongest winds," he said. "The storm hit south of us before the land."

Frank said that in Ocean County, the highest measured wind gust was 72 miles per hour, in Havelock Township. The highest reported in Southern Ocean County was 60 mph, in Shickelton.

"It was a real windier storm," he said.

She, however, noted program manager for the NJPW Mount Holly office, said the storm "was pretty much as forecast."

"The only surprise was that they were actually predicting 1 to 3 inches

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Winter storm's tides far worse than snow Streets were flooded in Ocean City; Sea Isle; beach damage not severe

By Eric Avedissian
Reporter
 OCEAN CITY — A blizzard that hit the Jersey Shore on Tuesday night and Wednesday morning left a trail of snow and ice across the state, but in Ocean City and Sea Isle, the winter storm's tides were far worse than the snow. Streets were flooded, and beach damage was not severe.

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Senators Booker, Menendez tour storm-hit Sea Isle City

By Eric Avedissian
Reporter
 SEA ISLE CITY — U.S. Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker visited the town on Tuesday to see the damage caused by the winter storm.



Strathmere hit worse than expected

By Eric Avedissian
Reporter
 STRATHMERE — The town of Strathmere was hit worse than expected by the winter storm. The town's streets were flooded, and many homes were damaged.



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Newton water back on after break is repaired

By WALTER J. SCRUTON
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NEWTON — It is a week and a half since the water supply in Newton was cut off after a break in the main water line. The water is back on, and the city is celebrating the return of the water supply.

The break occurred on Tuesday, Oct. 11, when a 12-inch water main pipe was damaged by a truck. The water was shut off for several days while the pipe was repaired. The city had to ration water during this time.

The water was restored on Thursday, Nov. 17, after a week of repairs. The city is pleased with the work done by the utility company.

The water was back on for most of the city, but some areas still have no water. The city is working to get the water back on for these areas as well.

The city is also looking for ways to prevent such breaks in the future. This may include upgrading the water main pipes.



Workers from Chief James Wilson, right, could fix a damaged water main in Newton. The water was back on for most of the city on Thursday.

It's a runners' Thanksgiving



Participants take off from the starting line for the Freedom Run along the Bright's Turkey Trail on Thanksgiving in Sparta.

By WALTER J. SCRUTON
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SPARTA — The local annual Thanksgiving Turkey Trail run was held on Thursday, Nov. 17. The run was held in Sparta, N.J., and was a great success.

The run was held on the Bright's Turkey Trail, which is a scenic route through the woods. The run was held in the morning, and the weather was perfect.

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Shoppers get a day's jump on Black Friday

By WALTER J. SCRUTON
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NEWTON — The word "Black Friday" is a term used to describe the day after Thanksgiving. It is a day when many people go shopping. In Newton, the shopping started on Thursday, Nov. 17.

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Customers looking to get a head start on holiday shopping are greeted with shopping bags and coupons on the main street in Newton on Thursday.

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WAS ANYONE ELSE INVOLVED IN PLOT?

■ FBI: Evidence links suspect to weekend's series of explosions
■ No terror cell seen, but social network combed for clues
■ Man, 28, charged with attempted murder of cops who arrested him



Arrested suspect is taken to hospital by ambulance after being shot in the back by police officers during the Seaside Park bombing. (AP Photo/Chris Wedel)

Ahmad Khan Rahami caught after gun battle

COMPELLING EVIDENCE LINKS HIM TO THE SEASIDE PARK AND NYC BOMBINGS

A 28-year-old man, Ahmad Khan Rahami, was arrested after a gun battle with police officers in Seaside Park, N.J., on Monday. He is charged with attempted murder of police officers and other crimes.

Police say the suspect was seen in the area of the bombings. He was shot in the back by police officers during the Seaside Park bombing. He was taken to a hospital and is in critical condition.

More details on the suspect's arrest and the ongoing investigation into the bombings.

Feds: Christie knew about lane closures

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR CHRISTIE KNEW ABOUT LANE CLOSURES IN SEASIDE PARK AND NYC DURING THE BOMBINGS, FEDERAL AGENTS SAY.

The FBI says Governor Christie knew about the lane closures in Seaside Park and NYC during the bombings. The agency says Christie was aware of the closures and did not take any action to prevent them.

Christie's office has denied the allegations. He says he was not aware of the closures and that he was focused on other matters.

The FBI is continuing its investigation into the bombings and the role of various individuals and organizations.

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Delaware Gov. Dewey says he has no intention to run for president in 2012, but he did not rule out the possibility that he would run in 2016. He is the first Delaware governor to do so.

Christie knew of GWB plan, jury told

Governor informed of traffic chaos as it unfolded in Fort Lee, prosecutor says

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Delaware prosecutors began a three-week trial Monday in the long-awaited litigation over the 2009 Fort Lee lane closure. The case is the first to go to trial in the state's history. It is the first time a Delaware governor has been accused of a crime.

Christie was charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice, a crime that carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison.

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NEW YORK, NEW JERSEY BOMBINGS

'WE CAUGHT A TERRORIST'

Arrest made after gunbattle with Linden police



Police officers in Linden shot and arrested Edward Elshout, the suspect in the bombings in New York and New Jersey on Monday after a gunbattle in the town, New Jersey's Linden. Ed Elshout/HSI above photo for The Star-Ledger

NEW YORK

Elshout's lawyer says the bombing suspect was not a terrorist, but a man who was angry about the loss of his job.

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Building a case

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A trail of explosives

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Mark Breen for The Star-Ledger

Edward Elshout was arrested in Linden, N.J., Monday after a gun battle with police. He is the suspect in the bombings in New York and New Jersey.

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NEW YORK (AP) — A man suspected of being the bomber in the Sept. 11 attacks was arrested Monday after a gun battle with police in Linden, N.J.

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Video shows 'person of interest' in fatal stabbing

BY MICHAEL MULLO CONTI
JOURNAL STAFF WRITER

The Hudson County Prosecutor's Office has arrested a security guard as a "person of interest" in the investigation into the death of an 11-year-old woman who was beaten and stabbed to death in an Jersey City apartment this month.

The white black-and-white-wearing Hispanic man in light-colored clothing with a hood and multiple black marks across the back of his head was seen in the dark and dimly lit hallway. It isn't specified just when the man may have been in the hallway. The 11-year-old girl was found in her room on Lexington Ave. at about 10:30 a.m. Feb. 7 by officers responding to a report of an

on one possible female, Hudson County Prosecutor Garbarino Saucedo said. Police found Cardenas-Violo on the East of her living room with multiple lacerations and sharp force injuries to her body. She was pronounced dead at the scene at 10:30 a.m., Hudson County Prosecutor's Office Acting Chief of Detectives Cesar Salinas said last night.

The case is being investigated by the Prosecutor's Office's Homicide Unit with the assistance of the Jersey City Police Department. Officers are asking for the public's help in identifying the suspect. Anyone with information may contact the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office by calling 973-911-1344 or by leaving an



anonymous tip on the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office website at <http://www.hudsoncountyprosecutor.com> homicide tip. Salinas said all information is being kept confidential.

2 dead in Turnpike crash, state police say

BY PATTI DE VILLANOV
STAFF WRITER

Two people were killed yesterday in a crash on the New Jersey Turnpike Hudson County Station, state police said.

New Jersey State Police confirmed that the 3:20 p.m. crash was one of the I-4C toll plaza in Jersey City that two died and three others injured.

State police said, Jersey City Mayor Steven Soderstrom Health Commissioner Mark Raboin said a total of four people were hospitalized. Raboin said the crash was the result of a person who had been previously injured after the accident, while the second fatality was reported later.

Raboin said the adult and one child were taken to CHC where the child was pronounced dead in the

withheld lanes of the Hudson County Station. Raboin said the child was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

State police said the crash took the lives of the two people who were killed.

Meanwhile, a CarePoint Health van operated by McCabe Ambulance Service was struck by the van of the accident on the primary toll lane, according to Michael McCabe, the company's president and president.

The vehicle that was struck below and continued into the toll lane. McCabe said, "The van's driver was not injured but taken to CarePoint Health's emergency medical center."

"She was very shaken up. He was in a state of shock, having witnessed the accident."



TWO PEOPLE were killed yesterday as a result of a crash that took place at the I-4C toll plaza on the New Jersey Turnpike in Hudson County.

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High speed into chaos

MORNING COMMUTE

Commuters on Friday may want to get up early and get on the road as the morning rush hour is expected to be a chaotic one. The Hoboken train crash is expected to cause delays on the Hudson River.

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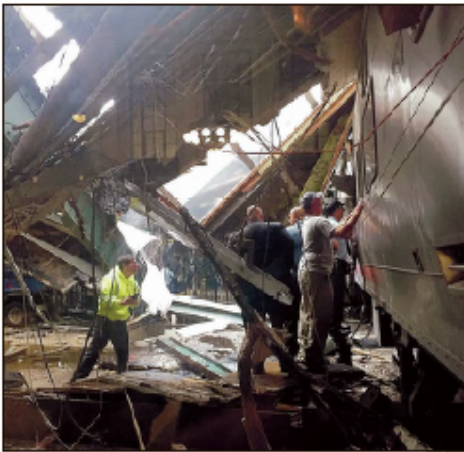
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Train personnel survey the damage Thursday shortly after a Pascack Valley Line train crashed into historic Hoboken Terminal.

Seeking answers after deadly NJ Transit train wreck

By JAMES H. STEWART
 The wreckage of the train is being investigated by a team of federal investigators, including the National Transportation Safety Board, and state investigators. The crash is being investigated as a possible homicide.

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'I thought we were going to die'

Passengers relieved but rattled
 By MARY JO LYFFER and ANTHONY BLOTT
 "I thought we were going to die," said one passenger who survived the crash. The crash was a "horrific" experience, she said. The crash was a "horrific" experience, she said.



NJ Transit still lacks key safety technology

Lags in installing Positive Train Control
 By JAMES H. STEWART
 NJ Transit is still missing key safety technology, including Positive Train Control, which could have prevented the crash.

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COURT

Woman liable in fatal Pennsylvania crash



BY ROMAN J. USCHAK
Special to the staff life

Belleville resident Leanne Manocchio has been found liable of the charges against her in connection with the death of a Bloomfield woman who was a passenger in her car when it crashed on I-495 in Bucks County, Pa., on Aug. 2, 2015.

Backs County Attorney (District Attorney) James said Wednesday, Feb. 17 that Manocchio had been an admitted defendant on all the charges against her in juvenile court.

"It's equal to being found guilty of all charges," he said. Manocchio had been charged with homicide by vehicle, driving with three counts of aggravated assault by

vehicle, all felonies, according to James. She had also been charged with seven counts of reckless endangerment, all misdemeanors, when numerous unspecified traffic violations. He said Manocchio was found the disposition pending for her sentencing. James said the hearing has yet to be scheduled, although he added that Manocchio can appeal the decision.

Manocchio was driving a 2001 Jeep Liberty on Aug. 2, 2015 on I-495 in Lower Merion, Township, Pa., with six people aboard, when the incident occurred. Among the victims in the single-car crash was Bloomfield resident Susanna Fallon, 23. The group was returning that Sunday evening from a audition in Philadelphia for the "American

Mid" musical reality television show. Manocchio was 17 at the time of the crash, which was why she was cited as juvenile. She turned 18 two weeks later.

A juvenile trial is similar to a bench trial. It is a trial by judge, not a jury. Sentencing is also imposed by the judge, according to James.

According to police reports, the crash allegedly occurred as the driver lost control of the Jeep after passing another vehicle, which was driving north in the right lane, on the shoulder at a high rate of speed. The Jeep rolled over due to the official cause of "careless passing or lane change, affected by physical condition. Driver was distracted, driving too fast for conditions," according to

the crash report, which also stated the estimated speed of the Jeep at the time of the crash was about 70 miles per hour in a 55 miles per hour zone.

Aurthur listed "no individuals being in various locations outside of the vehicle with injuries varying from minor to one being unresponsive," according to a Bloomfield State Police news release. Fallon was transported to Saint Mary's Medical Center, where she was later pronounced deceased.

Leslie McCoy, 39, of Monacahe was also transported to Saint Mary's Medical Center.

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COUNCIL

Nephew speaks out

BY OWEN PROCTOR
Editor

Following the Lopez family's plea for unity at the Bloomfield Township Council's Feb. 1 meeting, Daniel Chasin addressed the governing body on Monday.



By Dan Chasin

Aggravated, following the last 4 council meeting, Councilman Joe Lopez and Councilman Mike Chasin's nephew Daniel got into a scuffle behind the Municipal Building. Both Lopez and Daniel Chasin reported filing charges.

Lopez alleged that the parking lot incident was retaliation toward his nephew for Councilman Chasin's resignation. Daniel Chasin has been indicted on battery charges.

"He was going to hurt you or your family," Daniel Chasin told Lopez on Monday. "People don't want me to come here. I support my family no matter what."

Bloomfield Mayor Michael Venezia declined Lopez' request to resign.

Later in the meeting, Lopez again requested Councilman Chasin's resignation. Again, there was no second motion to move forward on the resolution.

And "they go-ply" and other board members, provided the walk of Chasin's arrest in the hall. There also has moved forward. The council asked to withdraw Feb. 1 to that establish a Bloomfield Municipal Police Board.

During public comments, residents Russell Zimmerman asked why Mayor Venezia did not name Township Attorney Michael J. DiPietro to be to review the proposal.

The council authorized Alex

had Beverage Council representatives on the Moon Palace bar.

The agreement imposes a 30-day suspension, which voluntarily began on Jan. 25. It also set a condition that the license not be used by the current owner for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises. It only requires the sale of pre-packaged goods.

CRIME

Stolen SUV recovered; pet missing

BY MICHELE RUSKO
Special to the staff life

Bloomfield police are looking for a suspect, who stole an SUV with a license plate 5813, this week.

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WINTER MUSICAL

Winter Musical

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From left, dancers Taly Francis, Gabrielle Pandolfo and Emmanuel Odekuale rehearse for Bloomfield High School's "The Pajama Game." The musical will be performed at the high school 1600 Grand St. at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets at \$12 are available in advance 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. through Friday at the Main Office. Tickets are \$15 at the door.

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Longport residents split on library withdrawal

BY NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

LONGPORT - Residents of the small residential community were split at a public hearing Wednesday, Aug. 24 on a referendum to withdraw from the Atlantic County Library System.

The meeting was held for the public to learn why the Board of Commissioners passed a resolution placing a question on the Nov. 8 ballot asking voters to decide if it should "withdraw from the Atlantic County Library System, and establish a free public library."

Initiator Paul Fain "Pat" Agostini immediately put to rest a rumor that the meeting was being closed.

"The governing body here, our concerned electors chose the library," Agostini said. "It's about what the borough gets for the

money it pays to the county." Agostini said the borough would like to have a library program equal to what the borough sends to the county to have.

State law allows a municipality to withdraw from a county system to establish its own library, he said.

The county collected \$54,000 in library taxes from borough property owners in 2015, but based on information provided to the municipality in 2011 - the last time the borough hosted a public question on library withdrawal - the county spends \$205,000 on the Longport branch, according to Mayor Nicholas Russo.

Russo and Commissioners Dan Lantini and James Lewis, who each at different times have been chair of Finance for the borough, both agree that "in the long run, it will be the best for the people of Longport."

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An incident spills to the board of commissioners about the upcoming referendum asking voters to decide if the borough should withdraw from the Atlantic County Library System.

Adjustments needed if Longport withdraws

LONGPORT - Eileen George, director of the Atlantic County Library System, announced Monday that the cost of running the Longport branch is \$217,149 this year.

The amount includes salaries and benefits, books, periodicals, internet, interest and so on. It also includes the cost of running a pre-sorted stack of library cataloging services and delivery of books to other branches.

The county has 30 library branches and a reading room at Howe Regional High School. All municipalities that do not have their own private library pay taxes to the county to run the Atlantic

County system, even though there may not be a branch in their town, George said.

Atlantic County (Cl), Limerick, Margate and Northfield have their own public libraries and do not pay into the countywide system.

George said all municipalities in New Jersey are required to submit loans to support a public library, regardless of if it is a locally run library or part of a county system. It has been more than 25 years since an Atlantic County municipality decided to fund its own public library.

George outlined the lengthy See ADJUSTMENTS on Page 20

BOE revises business administrator's contract

Increases salary to \$185,000, plus merit pay

BY NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY
Staff Writer

VENTNOR - The Board of Education Aug. 24 amended the district business administrator's employment contract giving her a \$5,042 raise and merit pay.

The 10-year-old contract was \$105,000 for 2016-'17 and gave her the ability to receive merit increases based on achievement of "quantitative" and "qualitative criteria," according to the amended contract.

The board opened renegotiation of Storey's contract after she said she was offered more money at another district.

"The board desires to retain the business administrator to stay and is working with the county office to amend her salary to \$105,000, plus merit pay," according to minutes of the board's executive session held following its regular meeting on June 21.

During the June 21 regular meeting, the board approved a previous amendment to the contract.

The amended contract was renewed and approved by Ventnor Boarding County Superintendent of Schools Richard Stepan. He informed the board in a letter dated

July 11 that he found the increase "fair and reasonable."

However, he required the board to provide 30 days public notice and hold a public hearing on the change. The hearing, which was held at the beginning of the board's Aug. 24 regular meeting, brought no comments from the public.

According to the resolution approving the renegotiated contract, notice was provided to the public by posting it at the Ventnor Educational Community Complex and notifying five local newspapers.

The board and Storey can visit up to three quantitative merit See CONTRACT on page 20

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Totowa man sentenced in stabbing case
Lafontaine receives 18 years in prison for 2013 killing of Cedar Grove teenager



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Appointment falls through; Investigation costs revealed, councilman feels left out of loop; Tensions boil over at recent meeting

Brian Marron

Back at the bush



Back at the bush
A group of people are playing pool on an outdoor table. The scene is outdoors, and the players are focused on their game. The pool table is set up on a paved area, and there are spectators watching the game.

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Appointment falls through

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
The appointment of a new township council member has fallen through. The councilman in question has decided to step down from his position. This decision has caused some tension within the council, as some members feel they were not properly consulted on the matter. The council is now looking for a replacement member to fill the vacant seat.

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Students act in fatal accident simulation

Hackensack High School senior students will play the role of a fatal accident in a drunken-driving accident simulation on May 26, an activity organized by police and firefighters for the high school senior class. The students were made up to look like they received injuries during the scenario.



Curtis G. shows a student, acting as drunk driver during the simulation, receiving a field sobriety test by Hackensack police officers.

GOVERNMENT Apology offered by officials for failed promotion

BY STEPHANIE NODA
Noda Staff

HACKENSACK—Officials publicly apologized for a situation involving a promotion and subsequent demotion of a police lieutenant after residents cried out at last night's town council meeting for officials to comment on the issue.

Many residents spoke about the situation involving Lt. James Price, who was promotionally promoted to rank of captain and officer-in-charge on March 8, but later demoted after being given the rank of captain's seat, during the May 17 Mayor and Council meeting.

Officials and community had celebrated what was supposed to be the promotion of the first black captain in the city's history during the March 8 meeting. Price was moved back to the position of lieutenant after the administration received the results of the oral portion of his captain's exam, which he failed, and gave the officer-in-charge position to Capt. Francisco Aguilera on May 5.

Councilwoman Deborah Kowling-Cockle released a statement on May 11 speaking for the situation with Price, saying she found it "necessary to address the community since no one else on the governing body has yet to take on this responsibility."

"I was never told that due to Lt. Price's promotion was based on pending test results," said Kowling-Cockle in the statement. "I worry about the fallout of this message, especially in the African American community, which has experienced decades of neglect from local officials and abuse from the police department—abuses, which have also touched the Latino community."

During the meeting, Mayor John Labrosse apologized for the way the promotion ceremony was handled, saying "I was not the best person here." He also shared notes with Kowling-Cockle's statement, saying the most disturbing part of the letter was that a "rumored segment of the black community believed the statement was used as a ploy by those who seek to gain a political advantage with the black community."

"I felt my head get banged through the wall in this situation," said Labrosse of Price. "I don't

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Ordinance related to weapon sales pulled

Councilman expects public apology after mayor raises allegations

BY P.J. CANDIDO

It was a surprise to many in Cedar Grove when Mayor Robert D. Mays announced on Monday that he had pulled an ordinance that would have required gun owners to disclose to the police the names of anyone who had purchased a handgun in the town. Mays said he was pulling the ordinance because he believed it was "unfair" and "unconstitutional." The ordinance had been passed by the Cedar Grove Council on Jan. 27.

Councilman Steve Krasner, who introduced the ordinance, said he was "disappointed" but "not surprised" by Mays' decision. Krasner said he would be asking Mays for a public apology. Krasner said he would also be asking the council to vote on a resolution that would censure Mays for his actions.

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Celebrating culture

PARCC results detailed

BY P.J. CANDIDO

Students who took the PARCC tests in the Spring of 2015 are getting their scores. The scores are being sent to the state and will be available on the PARCC website. The scores are being sent to the state and will be available on the PARCC website.

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Church hearing will continue

BY P.J. CANDIDO

The hearing on the proposed ordinance will continue on Wednesday. The hearing will be held at the Cedar Grove Municipal Office. The hearing will be held at the Cedar Grove Municipal Office.

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Roses Avenue School dragon dancers practicing on the stage at Verona High School as the district recognizes the Chinese Lunar New Year Friday, Feb. 12. The event included music, singing, dancing, martial arts, Chinese food and more.

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Verona, Massachusetts language teacher Jenny Qin unpacks and distributes Chinese consumer goods to her 12.5 Whitestone Middle School students. As night, Amber Zhou prepares traditional tea as a cup while on the buffet line in the VHS cafeteria. See more photos from the event on our website.

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Home victory

Cedar Grove girls' basketball team won a hard-fought game against their rivals, the Verona team. The game was held at the Cedar Grove Municipal Office.

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Saving lives

Verona-Cedar Grove girls' basketball team won a hard-fought game against their rivals, the Verona team. The game was held at the Cedar Grove Municipal Office.

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State fighting rise in tainted water

Crafting rules to curb common household chemical

By James M. O'Neill

A new public opinion poll in the construction of environmental regulations, reported by the state's leading newspaper, the Bergen County Record, has found that 70 percent of respondents favor the state's efforts to curb common household chemicals. The poll, conducted by the state's leading newspaper, the Bergen County Record, has found that 70 percent of respondents favor the state's efforts to curb common household chemicals. The poll, conducted by the state's leading newspaper, the Bergen County Record, has found that 70 percent of respondents favor the state's efforts to curb common household chemicals.

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ICY HUDSON BACKS UP AT THE BRIDGE



Ice forming on the Hudson River on Sunday morning along Palisades Interstate Park in Englewood Cliffs, N.J. Some snow is expected later before the weather becomes much warmer on Tuesday. *Steve Delaney, N.J. Herald*

Scalia vacancy already inspiring an epic debate

White House ready for battle as GOP leaders stake positions

By James M. O'Neill

When the Supreme Court announced its decision to retire Justice Antonin Scalia, the White House and the Republican Party were already preparing for a potential vacancy. The White House is ready for battle as GOP leaders stake positions.

A LIFE: ROSEMARIE KASPER, 1937-2016

Disability didn't deter advocate for change

By James M. O'Neill

Rosemarie Kasper, known as "The People's Choice" for her advocacy for the disabled, passed away on Sunday. She was a fierce advocate for change.



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A LEGACY OF CARING



Children's Specialized Hospital celebrates 125-year history of being 'home away from home' for children facing special health challenges.

Children's Specialized Hospital celebrates 125-year history of being 'home away from home' for children facing special health challenges.

By Susan Bloom

After 125 years in business, Children's Specialized Hospital is celebrating its 125th anniversary. For over a century, the hospital has been a place where children facing special health challenges can find the care and support they need to thrive.

Photo: Children's Specialized Hospital



Children's Specialized Hospital building in New Haven, Connecticut.

Taxpayers funding overtime bounty

Some of the highest-paid executives are reaping the most

By Susan Bloom

As the U.S. economy grows, some of the highest-paid executives are reaping the most. A new study shows that the top 100 executives of the S&P 500 companies received a total of \$1.2 billion in overtime pay last year, up from \$800 million in 2010.

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The Doughboys are making progress on their album.

Earn 2nd chance with Scavone of the Doughboys and Yardbirds

By Susan Bloom

After a long hiatus, the Doughboys and Yardbirds are back. The two bands are set to release their new albums this fall. The Doughboys' new album, 'The Doughboys', is a collection of covers and original songs. The Yardbirds' new album, 'The Yardbirds', is a collection of covers and original songs.

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A temporary replacement? Suggestions needed for Ward F seat



A BIG LOSS — Diane Colaneri's resignation will leave big shoes to fill. The city administrator is seeking suggestions as to who might replace her on the city council.

By Al Sullivan
Reporter and writer

With Ward F Councilwoman Diane Colaneri slated to resign by Dec. 31, council also was thinking as County Executive Mayor Steven Fulop wants to know who the community would like to appear as a replacement. Fulop announced last week that the city has set up an email application process for those who might be considered as filling the seat.

The temporary replacement would fill Colaneri's council seat until next November's election, when voters will pick a new Ward F councilwoman.

Ward F covers about five square miles in the heart of Jersey City, including roughly five blocks between East to the Hudson River and from roughly Woodlands and Stegeman on the north side up to Montgomery Street and Columbus Avenue in the north. Liberty State Park is included on Ward F as is the city's one dog-park, Terry Lane. The ward's population is nearly 30,000.

Interested individuals can email a resume and cover letter for consideration. Community members and leaders have also been asked to submit recommendations, which will weigh heavily in the final selection.

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**Raffle Drawing!
and the winner is ...**

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Christmastime in Jersey City Newport Center kicks off season with annual tree lighting



By Al Sullivan
Reporter and writer

For more than an hour before Christmas Eve, the Newport Center on Thursday, kids and parents began to arrive. Although the Christmas season played over speakers, and a small

bandline band played around the square carrying kids, some were only able to stare in the crowd and some kids had come to watch. Parents liked the Christmas carols and gathered around the stage where the quartet sang the old folk, serious and inspired.

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A FRANK DISCUSSION — Four women candidates for Board of Education talk about their experiences running in this year's election.

A talk over breakfast Women candidates discuss their experiences running for Board of Education

By Al Sullivan
Reporter and writer

Called to the Highlands Tavern for breakfast here, weeks after the Board of Education election, four women candidates gathered for a candid talk about their experiences.

Although they all ran on different slates or independently, the four women appeared to have much in common, not just in their political beliefs, but also in what they need through during the campaign.

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Martinelli, Cicala confident heading toward Election Day vote

BY BRIAN MARRON
Who knows they will be a great year for the town, but the candidates for the Verona-Cedar Grove Township Council are confident they will be heading toward Election Day with a lead. The candidates for the council are confident they will be heading toward Election Day with a lead. The candidates for the council are confident they will be heading toward Election Day with a lead.

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Students ready to take part

BY MEGAN SPINELLI
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Happy Halloween for locals

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Owner defends billboard

BY BRIAN MARRON
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Ride for Mike



Mike D'Amico was the driver for accident victim Michael J. D'Amico. He is wearing a white protective helmet and is surrounded by friends and family members.

Bridgewater benefit being held for crash victim

CHRISTY MALONE / COURIER-NEWS

BRIDGEWATER — A benefit concert will be held at the Bridgewater Community Center on Saturday, Sept. 12, to raise money for the medical expenses of Michael J. D'Amico, who was injured in a car crash on March 28. The benefit will be held from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. and will feature a variety of musical acts. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Bridgewater Community Center at 856-666-1111.



Michael J. D'Amico was the driver for accident victim Michael J. D'Amico. He is wearing a white protective helmet and is surrounded by friends and family members.

Local youth football league is first in N.J. to use protective headgear

MICHAEL GOODMAN / COURIER-NEWS

THE NEW JERSEY COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NJCF) is the first youth football league in the state to require players to wear protective headgear. The league, which is based in Bridgewater, has over 1,000 members and is the largest youth football league in the state. The league's headgear is made of foam and is designed to protect the head from injury. The league's headgear is also designed to be comfortable and easy to use. For more information, contact the NJCF at 856-666-1111.



A young child wearing a protective headgear.

Program will help adults with autism grow careers

Somerset Hills Learning Institute adds new initiative

PAMELA WILSON / COURIER-NEWS

SOMERSET HILLS — Somerset Hills Learning Institute is launching a new program to help adults with autism grow their careers. The program, called the Career Development Program, will provide participants with the skills and support they need to succeed in the workforce. The program is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Somerset Hills Learning Institute at 856-666-1111.

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MARGARET HANCOCK / COURIER-NEWS

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Guardian wants beach concerts in June

NICHOLAS WILDA
SAC Writer

ATLANTIC CITY — Grand evening concerts on the city's beachfront are set to end. The beachfront festival is set to conclude on Saturday, June 11, after a week of music on the beach. The city's Live Nation and the Camden Development Corporation Authority scheduled the concert series to end on Saturday, June 11, after a week of music on the beach. The city's Live Nation and the Camden Development Corporation Authority scheduled the concert series to end on Saturday, June 11, after a week of music on the beach.

Right number, wrong answer

Misdirected 911 call led to shooting at Cumberland home

Camden County officials say the Cumberland shooting incident July 22 happened because Cumberland County dispatchers forwarded an unrelated, misdirected 911 call instead of Stone House.

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Millville man faces dog-fight charges

NICHOLAS WILDA
SAC Writer

CHANDLER — A Cumberland County man was charged with dog-fighting charges on Monday. The man, Robert A. Wilks, 47, of Millville, is charged with dog-fighting charges on Monday. The man, Robert A. Wilks, 47, of Millville, is charged with dog-fighting charges on Monday.

N.J. lawmakers seek to ease college costs

DAVID S. LAMBERT
SAC Writer

State legislators are proposing several bills designed to make college more affordable and encourage more students to attend college. The bills include: 1. The Assembly Higher Education Committee will introduce a bill to ease college costs. 2. The Senate will introduce a bill to ease college costs. 3. The Assembly will introduce a bill to ease college costs.

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Excitement as Millville opens new school year



New York University students and a professor pose for a photo during a field trip to a public school in Millville, N.J.

JOSEPH S. SMITH FOR THE JOURNAL

MILLVILLE (Journal Staff) — Students and teachers alike are excited to start the new school year at Millville Elementary School in Millville, N.J., on Monday.

A large crowd of students and teachers gathered in front of the school for the occasion. The school principal, Dr. [Name], welcomed everyone and gave a speech about the new year.



The New York University students and a professor pose for a photo during a field trip to a public school in Millville, N.J.

'Defective' petition may keep mayor off the ballot

MILLVILLE (Journal Staff) — A petition to recall Mayor [Name] may be disqualified because it contains several errors, including misspellings and missing signatures.

Feds say Millville man involved in dog fighting

MILLVILLE (Journal Staff) — A man from Millville is accused of participating in a dog fighting operation. Federal authorities say the man was involved in the operation for several months.

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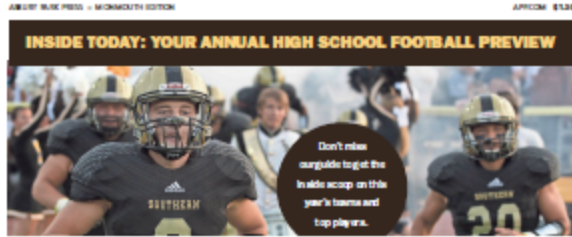
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An immigrant, a Samaritan

Indonesian Harry Pangemanan spends days helping Sandy victims rebuild their homes



WALTON W. HUGHES

Harry Pangemanan, an Indonesian immigrant, has spent the last few weeks of his life helping victims of Superstorm Sandy rebuild their homes. He is one of many volunteers who have come to the area to help those who were left homeless by the storm. Pangemanan, 34, is a former professional soccer player who moved to the United States in 2005. He is currently working for a construction company in Asbury Park. He has been helping with the reconstruction of homes in the area since the storm hit. He has been working with the American Red Cross and other organizations to help those in need. He has been working with the community to help them get back on their feet. He has been working with the community to help them get back on their feet. He has been working with the community to help them get back on their feet.



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Keane to study post-Sept. 11 world



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Colts Neck sues to fight Press request for records

ASBURY PARK PRESS
 A lawsuit filed in federal court in Asbury Park on Wednesday seeks to block the Asbury Park Press from obtaining records from the Colts Neck Township. The lawsuit, filed by the township, claims that the newspaper's request for records is an unwarranted invasion of privacy. The township argues that the records requested by the newspaper are not in the public interest. The lawsuit was filed in the federal court in Asbury Park. The township is represented by the law firm of [Name], who filed the lawsuit on behalf of the township. The newspaper is represented by the law firm of [Name], who filed a response to the lawsuit. The case is currently pending in court.

GWB 'unindicted co-conspirators' list kept secret

WASHINGTON REPORT
 A list of names of individuals who are alleged to be unindicted co-conspirators in the 9/11 attacks has been kept secret by the Justice Department. The list, which was compiled by the FBI, contains the names of several individuals who are believed to have been involved in the attacks. The Justice Department has refused to release the list, claiming that it is a matter of national security. The list has been the subject of much speculation and controversy. Some believe that the list is a list of names of individuals who are innocent of the attacks. Others believe that the list is a list of names of individuals who are guilty of the attacks. The Justice Department has refused to comment on the list.

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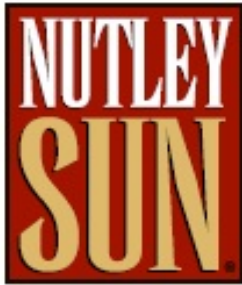
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YOUR CARRIAGE AWAITS
Hayata Alvarez climbs aboard the "Cinderella" carriage outside the Parks and Recreation building on Friday night April 4. Children 12 and under attended Nutley's Third Annual Princess Ball, dressed at their favorite prince or princess. A princess meal, ice cream and dancing were also part of the fun. The events proceeds will benefit Relay for Life of Nutley. See more photos on page 3.

Suit alleges local funeral home mishandled body

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Staff Writer

Two men have filed a lawsuit against three funeral homes, including one in Nutley, alleging the mishandling of the remains of their mother, Consuelo Rivera, 64, of Bloomfield.

The law firm of Michael S. Lashawski is representing Emilio and Juan Frizary, sons of Rivera.

A suit filed April 5 in the Superior Court of the State of New York, County of Essex, names Orland Funeral Home, L.L.C., Fine Avenue Funeral Service, Inc. and R.G. Ortiz Funeral Home Inc. as defendants. Rivera's sons are named plaintiffs.

The suit is signed by Albert R. Kim, Esq., of the Law Office of Michael S. Lashawski, P.L.L.C.

It alleges that Rivera's sons were contacted about the funeral home

independently contacted and then lost Rivera's body.

Rivera's remains were allegedly brought to Orland Funeral Home in Nutley for a wake and burial arrangements, following her death on March 22, according to the Lashawski law office.

"We were alerted and arranged for Dr. Clara Mason (Medical Examiner) in Bloomfield and brought her to the funeral home and did preparation," Anthony Filardi Jr. of Orland Funeral Home told the Sun.

A day later, on the 23rd, the family allegedly met with the Orland funeral home to make arrangements and sign pertinent documents such as a medical authorization form for the hospital, and consents to conduct the funeral. The family never signed an official contract for Orland's services, Filardi said.

That evening, the funeral home allegedly received a call from the Rivera family indicating they wanted to change

funeral locations, because family had been coming in from Puerto Rico and other areas.

Rivera allegedly received a phone call from R.G. Ortiz Funeral Home, located in Elizabeth, N.J., indicating that they had wanted to pick up Rivera's body. Rivera's body was removed from the funeral home, according to Filardi.

"Our responsibility ended as soon as she left the premises," Filardi said. "The family had contact with Ortiz (funeral home), personally. I never found a funeral home for them."

Rivera said he later learned that it was a subcontractor that had come to retrieve the body and not the funeral home. It was not clear in the lawsuit whether the body was ever brought to R.G. Ortiz or if the location was changed at all.

R.G. Ortiz Funeral Home did not return calls seeking comments and Fine said she could not be reached for comment.

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From grandparents to toddlers, recent trend in domestic violence alarms officials




Group for needy people who need legal help expands
New digs near Journal Square offer more access

By Al Sullivan
Reporter/Editor

For those familiar with the vibrant scene "On the Waterfront," they know the location of St. Peter & Paul Church in Hudson was originally a meeting place of people attempting to reform the often volatile waterfront. People who really needed help came to meet there.

Since 2013, as real life, this space has been used to house a legal center for people who need help dealing with landlord-tenant conflicts, issues of wills, and other civil legal matters facing working poor, seniors, veterans, and people living with disabilities.

Although the Waterfront Project embarked its main office in Jersey City this week and is expanding its staff to provide even more services to people throughout Hudson County, the group says it will remain loyal to its core mission to provide free legal help

in civil litigation for those who can't afford it. Ideally, the real-life profits also expanded its services to include housing counseling.

"Many people don't realize that a single legal issue — like a debt collection case or an eviction — or public benefits — can completely change the lives of low-income people living on the brink of homelessness," said Estelina Torres, secretary to Board of Trustees for Waterfront Project.

"Having a lawyer can mean all the difference in these cases."

While the group provides services to every part of the county, the Hudson location was a little remote for some people to access easily. As part of an expansion of the services, the group recently set the ribbon on new office facilities near Journal Square, close to the generosity of Hudson County. The group says it will remain loyal to its core mission to provide free legal help

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BY HASIME KUKAJ
Special to Bloomfield Life

Essex County Superior Court Judge Michael Korts on Tuesday sentenced a former Bloomfield police officer to five years in state prison, following a conviction of official misconduct and tampering with records.



PHOTO BY DALE ALBERTSON/PHOTO BY AP/WIDE

Former Bloomfield police officer Sean Courter, 35, of Englishtown, smiles at his supporters as he enters his sentencing hearing on Tuesday.

Essex County Superior Court Judge Michael Korts on Tuesday sentenced a former Bloomfield police officer to five years in state prison, following a conviction of official misconduct and tampering with records.

Courter, 35, of Englishtown, stood before Judge Michael Korts in Essex County Superior Court, flanked by family and friends.

"The earliest release is five years," Korts said of the sentencing. Korts did not order mandatory parole investigations.

To date, Courter has served 130 days.

On Nov. 5, a jury found Courter and fellow officer Det. Orlando Trinidad, 34, of Bloomfield, guilty of conspiracy to commit official misconduct, official misconduct, concealing public records, falsifying public records and labor rereading, according to the Essex County Prosecutor's Office. In addition, Trinidad was found guilty of simple assault.

On Jan. 22, Trinidad was sentenced to five years in prison, with the one-year parole investigation.

On Tuesday, Judge Korts sentenced one count of conspiracy to commit official misconduct, official misconduct, concealing public records, falsifying public records and tampering with records to a conviction for official misconduct.

A third officer, Albin Resendiz, involved in the incident, pleaded guilty on Oct. 17, 2015, to falsifying and tampering with records. Resendiz pleaded guilty to tampering with records, falsifying public records and was sentenced to two years in prison.

'Death case' case

The case involved three police officers: a captain, a sergeant, allegedly drawing officers breaking the driver's side window of Bloomfield resident Marcan Jeter's vehicle and dragging him from the car. The Essex County Prosecutor's Office announced the charges against Jeter after a recording from police dashboard



Jeter stated on Tuesday that, four years ago, he was in the same courthouse facing a five-year sentence.

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Montclair to Pope: Don't shut our church
Our Lady of Mount Carmel to appeal closing

BY LISA MARIE SEGARRA
The parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are asking the archbishop to keep the church open. The church, which has been closed since 2012, is the only Catholic church in Montclair. The parishioners are asking the archbishop to keep the church open because it is the only Catholic church in Montclair. The parishioners are asking the archbishop to keep the church open because it is the only Catholic church in Montclair.



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Two out of three is a start
New board members sworn in; no president, VP elected

BY LISA MARIE SEGARRA
The Montclair Board of Education met on Thursday to elect new members. The board is made up of seven members, including the superintendent and six elected members. The board is responsible for setting the district's educational goals and policies. The board is responsible for setting the district's educational goals and policies. The board is responsible for setting the district's educational goals and policies.



MONTCLAIR SCHOOLS
Being opposed as one
BOE approves letter against proposed charter school

BY LISA MARIE SEGARRA
The Montclair Board of Education met on Thursday to discuss a proposed charter school. The board is responsible for setting the district's educational goals and policies. The board is responsible for setting the district's educational goals and policies. The board is responsible for setting the district's educational goals and policies.



MONTCLAIR POLICE
Man says MPD pointed gun at him while walking home
Incident occurred during response to March 20 shooting

BY LISA MARIE SEGARRA
A man says he was pointed a gun at while walking home from work. The incident occurred during the police response to a shooting on March 20. The man says he was walking home from work when he was pointed a gun at. The incident occurred during the police response to a shooting on March 20.



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The West Milford Messenger

The epidemic of heroin

West Milford detective reaches out to help with a devastating problem

BY LINDA SMITH HANCHARICK

WEST MILFORD — “We’re losing.” So said West Milford Police Det. Michael Malbert when talking about the fight against drugs, specifically heroin, that is happening here at home in West Milford, across Passaic County, the state and the entire country.

Malbert sees more than most about the heroin on the front lines in this battle.

He has seen how heroin enters the area, taking the form of pills, pills being crushed, processed, young people and turning them into desperate, sick souls of themselves.

He has seen the heartbreak of family members and friends.

And he has also seen crime affiliated with drug deals. Drug-dealers and their families have been the target of the drug problem here, the effects of the heroin and need for money to support this debilitating addiction.

And, of course, there is the collateral damage done by this epidemic. Malbert

has seen the innocent people killed on roads by drivers under the influence, the families broken, the children who are orphaned when their parents die getting their last — and last — high.

Malbert isn't backed up by all of this. Quite the contrary, this 33-year law enforcement professional instead sees the community impacted by the drug problem.

He sees the person, the neighborhood and the crime. He recognizes the addiction as a disease.

“You see the destruction it does on the person, the family,” he said. “The cycle — something is wrong with the cycle.”

That's what motivates him to help.

And he's reaching out. He gives his card to anyone he meets on drug charges. He'll do anything to help address the problem and help everyone get on the path to good health again.

The power of a Facebook post

Back in September, Malbert posted a comment on the West Milford Police Department's Facebook page that garnered a tremendous amount of attention. Malbert explained that he was reporting Michael DeLuca's comment (see box) along with those of his friends and family, as a learning tool about the heroin epidemic.



West Milford Police Det. Michael Malbert speaks to a resident whose home had been recently burglarized. Much of this type of crime is fueled by drug sales. Malbert urges anyone a drug dealer who wishes to stop to contact him. He will help.

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THE FACTS ON HEROIN
Heroin is cheap, \$1 to \$5 per bag in Passaic.
A first of heroin is \$100.
Heroin addicts pay prices as much as \$1000 for their own use and the rest is a profit which is used for their next buy.
The ever growing number of addiction medications make many victims a much cheaper alternative.

Malbert started drinking and using drugs as a high school student. It was the first time, he said, to help him fit in and feel comfortable.

But he soon was enveloped by the drug, moving on to the next, more potent one.

Soon, he was a full-fledged heroin addict.

“You putting this as a learning tool for those that don't realize how bad this heroin epidemic is,” said Malbert in the post. “Please read this young man's post and then read some of the comments his friends, family, ex-girlfriends and current ones put up. This is a somewhat but not rock-bottom drug to heroin addiction.”

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The Heroin Epidemic

Linda Smith Hancharick

Local heroes to raise funds for kids

Heroes with Heart Challenge at Hands In 4 Youth Camp

BY GIBBY MONTANA

a main date of June 12. The day will be a Challenge for Change Family Day at camp. It will be open to the community and their families will be available for all to enjoy. The focus challenge will be the highlight of the day, of course, and they will have live entertainment, outdoor games and food and beer.

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Marshall Hill 'Lights it Up Blue'

Autism is in the spotlight during April events

BY PATRICIA KILGER

WEST MILFORD — Students of Marshall Hill Elementary in honor of World Autism Awareness Day and held a “Light it Up Blue” event for autism awareness at the school last Friday, April 1.

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Building trades class lends muscle to FD

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Proposed review of solar project in limbo

By Bruce Scruton
A proposed review of Sussex County's residential solar project led by Sussex County Commissioner Richard J. DeStefano has been put on hold. DeStefano said the review is in limbo because of a dispute over the project's location. DeStefano said the review is in limbo because of a dispute over the project's location. DeStefano said the review is in limbo because of a dispute over the project's location.

State prepares stewardship plan for Sparta Mountain

By Bruce Scruton
The state is preparing a stewardship plan for Sparta Mountain, a 1,000-acre area in Sussex County. The plan is part of a larger effort to restore the mountain's natural beauty and provide a place for recreation. The plan is part of a larger effort to restore the mountain's natural beauty and provide a place for recreation.



The photo shows a view of Sparta Mountain and the town below. The view is from a nearby road and shows the mountain's peak and the town below.

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State prepares stewardship plan for Sparta; Sparta Mountain comments get another month; Restoration begins for Sparta Glen

Bruce Scruton



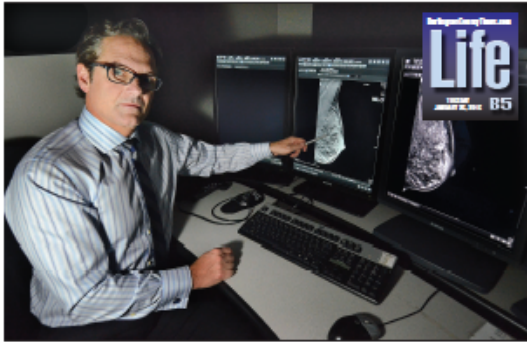
A sign for the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area is seen at the intersection of the road and the mountain.



A stone monument marking the Sparta Mountain Wildlife Management Area is seen at the intersection of the road and the mountain.

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Dr. Paul Zaring, a radiologist at the University of Maryland Medical Center, explains the benefits of 3-D mammograms.

A CLOSER LOOK

3-D mammograms proving to be useful diagnostic tool.

REPORTING
The radiologist looked over the image, looking for suspicious masses. In a laboratory in Baltimore, Dr. Paul Zaring is looking at a computer screen. He is looking for a breast mass to correct an abnormality. The radiologist Zaring explained that, for the patient, the mammogram is difficult to obtain with a conventional, two-dimensional mammogram. However, the more advanced three-dimensional imaging, called tomosynthesis, can be used to create a 3-D image and have it brought to their attention through software programmed to track the shape. In this case, the mammogram is a three-dimensional view of the breast.

The three-dimensional mammograms are proving to be useful tools for radiologists. Even women by producing images that are clearer and more detailed than conventional mammograms. A center provided at all Lankenau medical centers, including the University of Maryland Medical Center and the University of Maryland Medical Center, is the only one through the state and a leader in the field of breast cancer diagnosis, including mammograms.

Some controversy, as the advanced method is known to be used traditionally, as is available through the University of Maryland Medical Center, is the only one through the state and a leader in the field of breast cancer diagnosis, including mammograms.

"Mammograms are not only used to diagnose breast cancer, but they are also used to monitor the progress of the disease," said Dr. Zaring. "The use of 3-D mammograms is a significant step forward in the field of breast cancer diagnosis."

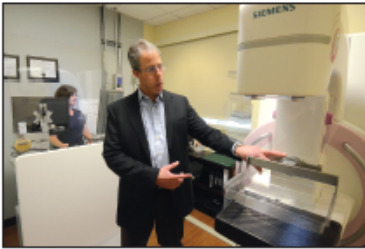
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Dr. Paul Zaring explains the capabilities of the Siemens MAMMOTOMO.



Dr. Zaring explains the benefits of 3-D mammograms to a patient.

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A transplant bought Frank Bodino "20 productive years," but the clock is ticking as he awaits another miracle.

Heart of a survivor



Frank made it his life's work to promote the life-giving potential of organ donations while acknowledging the anguish and sorrow of traumatic death.

BY LINDBERGH
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Frank Bodino, 70, showing the devices and connectors he has to wear - including an IV pump, an external defibrillator and a battery pack. He says more of getting a transplant, he has heart failure, plus kidney damage from years of immunosuppressant drugs.

Prieto shows off his muscle

Defiance of Christie in A.C. battle puts spotlight on speaker

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Mobile churches turn space for rent into houses of worship

BY GREGORY M. BROWN

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Trump's love-hate partnership

Makes 'rigged' system work to his advantage

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Red Bank School Board President Stepping Down

John Burton

RED BANK — There will be another article in the newspaper, though not about Red Bank, as a result of the school board's decision to step down.

John Burton, Red Bank School Board President, has announced that he is stepping down from the board, effective Aug. 11, meaning he is leaving his position as president.

Burton, who has served on the board since 2008, has been a vocal supporter of the school district's efforts to improve its facilities and programs.

He was re-elected to the board in 2013, but he has decided to step down after two years in office.

Burton said he has enjoyed his time on the board and has learned a great deal from the experience.

He will continue to be involved in the school district's activities and will remain a member of the board.

Working the Dream

Immigrant Business Owners Tell Their Stories

Story and photos by John Burton

RED BANK — The idea of immigrants as our state's future has been around for a long time. But it was not until the late 19th century that it became a reality. They came here to work in the mills, in the mines, in the fields of the Delaware Valley, and in the cities of Philadelphia and New York. They came here to build a better life for themselves and their families. They came here to work hard and to succeed. They came here to make a better life for themselves and their families. They came here to work hard and to succeed. They came here to make a better life for themselves and their families.



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The County Library Is In Your Hands

Phone App Also Offers Audio Books, Audiobook Access And More

By Joseph Bly

IF YOU WERE TRAVELING, you would know the County Library is in your hands. The library has been a mainstay of the community for over a century. It has provided a place where people can come to borrow books, use the internet, and get help with their homework. The library has been a mainstay of the community for over a century. It has provided a place where people can come to borrow books, use the internet, and get help with their homework.

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WESLEYAN CAFE OPENS DOOR TO THE SILVER SET

By John Burton

RED BANK — For the "Silver Set" members of Wesleyan Cafe, the door is always open. The cafe has been a mainstay of the community for over a century. It has provided a place where people can come to enjoy a meal, use the internet, and get help with their homework. The cafe has been a mainstay of the community for over a century. It has provided a place where people can come to enjoy a meal, use the internet, and get help with their homework.

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A legacy of contradictions

Cuban-Americans from Rutherford reflect on Castro's death

By Kelly Nicholaides
Illustration by Kaitlyn Kanzler

For many, the death of Fidel Castro, the Cuban revolutionary leader, is a day of mixed emotions. It is a day of celebration for those who have longed for his fall, and a day of mourning for those who have lived under his rule.

In Rutherford, a town with a large Cuban-American population, the mood is one of relief and joy. Many residents gathered in the streets to celebrate the end of Castro's 49-year rule over Cuba.

But for others, the news is a source of sadness. They remember the years of hardship and fear that came with living under the shadow of the Cuban Revolution.

For the author, the death of Castro is a reminder of the contradictions of life in a country where freedom and oppression often go hand in hand.

Police aim to strengthen relationship with students

FELICIAN UNIVERSITY
By Kelly Nicholaides

Police officers at Felician University are looking for ways to build a stronger relationship with the student body.

The police chief, Sgt. John J. DeStefano, said that the police department is committed to working with the students to create a safe and secure campus environment.

One of the ways the police are doing this is by holding regular meetings with student groups. These meetings allow the police to hear the concerns of the students and to address them in a timely manner.

Another way the police are building relationships is by participating in community events. This allows the police to get to know the students and to show that they are a part of the campus community.

The police chief said that the goal is to create a partnership between the police and the students that will benefit everyone.

Mayor: Rutherford Tree Nursery not getting anywhere

By Kelly Nicholaides

The Rutherford Tree Nursery is still not getting anywhere in its efforts to plant more trees in the town.

Mayor Robert J. DeStefano said that the nursery has been struggling since it was founded several years ago. The nursery has a long list of trees that it has planted, but many of them have died.

The mayor said that the nursery is not getting anywhere in its efforts to plant more trees because it does not have enough money to buy the trees and to pay for the labor.

The mayor said that he is looking for ways to help the nursery get back on its feet. One way he is doing this is by looking for private companies that might be interested in buying the trees.

The mayor said that he is also looking for ways to raise money to help the nursery. One way he is doing this is by holding fundraisers for the nursery.

The mayor said that he is committed to helping the nursery succeed and to planting more trees in Rutherford.

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Search and rescue ready

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Autistic children are different, not less, parent says

By Christopher South
 "Autistic children are different, not less," says Christopher South... (text partially obscured)



Children showing off their 'biggies' at a community event... (text partially obscured)

Plans for Summer Feeding Program in Lower put on hold

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 Plans for a summer feeding program in Cape May... (text partially obscured)

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 The summer feeding program... (text partially obscured)

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Supreme Court Endorses Alimony Termination for Cohabitation

By Michael Booth

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled May 3 that a divorce agreement that calls for the termination of alimony if an ex-spouse cohabitates with another person, even if that cohabitation is temporary, is enforceable.

In a 4-2 ruling, the majority upheld a property settlement agreement that provided for the termination of alimony for a woman who lived with another man for a little more than two years after she divorced her husband of 23 years.

Appellate Division Judge Mary Caff, temporarily assigned and writing for the sharply split (with dissenting) opinion in this case, Catherine and David (names voluntarily entered into the property settlement agreement and that were not represented by counsel at the time. *Marital agreements, including

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More NJ School Districts Could Face Lead Contamination Suits

By Charles Toutant

With every public school in New Jersey under orders to test for lead in their water supplies following the discovery of elevated levels in several Newark school facilities earlier this year, school districts across the state now face potential litigation.

Lead-contaminated water in the Newark school district has already resulted in one lawsuit. Just May 2, the same day Gov. Chris Christie directed that every public school in the state undergo tests for lead in their water.

National anxiety about lead exposure has been heightened since the revelation in 2014 that residents of Flint,

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More NJ School Districts Could Face Lead Contamination Suits

Charles Toutant

Confidentiality Still Key in Heating-Up OMNIA Litigation

By David Giabonella



The lawyers challenging Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Jersey's controversial OMNIA insurance plan, the approach have varied—some attack things on public policy, while others would in contract and tort law—but the endgame appears to be the same.

The goal of litigation currently playing out in at least three New Jersey courts is to compel Horizon to reveal the formula for a two-tiered system they claim is unfair and illegal at its core.

Lawmakers, interest groups and pundits have made the same claim for transparency, but it's the attorneys who

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Justices Again Find Depression No Shield Against Disbarment

By Michael Booth

The New Jersey Supreme Court has disbarred a lawyer who misappropriated more than \$100,000 from his clients' trust accounts after rejecting arguments that he should be allowed to practice because of his severe depression.

The court, in a unanimous ruling, ordered the Belleville attorney, Frank Ciocharella, disbarred immediately and agreed with the court's Disciplinary Review Board that depression "would not result in mitigation."

Ciocharella, who served four months in prison and four months of house

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Hughes on 'target list' of mayors

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BRIDGEGATE

Hughes on 'target list' of mayors

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

Two Essex County mayors were on a "target list" of Democratic-leaning mayors and elected officials whom Gov. Chris Christie's campaign team was courting for its re-election campaign, according to a spreadsheet prepared during the Bridgegate scandal.

Glen Ridge Councilman Peter Hughes, as chairman of borough's mayor, and Mahwah Mayor Ray Kimble were among the "targets" mentioned on the spreadsheet and to appearing documents.

The documents were posted on the U.S. Attorney's Office website on Friday as part of the trial against Bill Baroni, the former deputy executive director of Port Authority, and Bridget Anne Kelly, a former deputy chief of staff in the Christie administration.

Hughes said that he was unaware that he had been on a list when the Glen Ridge Voice reached out to him on Monday. "Christie's staff was very sneaky in his file name. I was never contacted by them," he said.

Kimble said Monday night that he backed Christie in the last election (2013), but that he did not know about the list.

On the spreadsheet, each mayor or official was given a ranking on a 1-10 scale about how likely they were to endorse Christie (with 10 being most likely) and



East Orange Police Chief Phyllis Blinn talks with Glen Ridge Police Chief Sheila Byron-Lagetta, right.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Visits discuss crime prevention

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

Glen Ridge and East Orange police departments were making a few house calls on Friday. Glen Ridge Chief Sheila Byron-Lagetta, accompanied by East Orange Chief Phyllis Blinn and Sgt. George Ceras, knocked on the door of the Somerset Avenue home of May and Joseph Tjorn.

Around the neighborhood, small groups of officers from both departments were doing the same at other homes on Somerset Avenue, Glen Park Road and Garwood Avenue — talking to residents who were at home and giving them a short crime prevention talk.

A few minutes earlier, Glen Ridge and East Orange's police forces had held a joint meeting for the media on Somerset Avenue and Glen Park Road, which sits on the corner that bridges the neighborhood between Glen Ridge and East Orange.

It was all part of outreach efforts to neighborhood residents in both towns, particularly in light of a group of Somerset Avenue residences raising concerns about recent burglaries in the area. The group came to the Sept. 12 borough council meeting with complaints about recent burglaries.

With so-called "bordering" crimes, Byron-Lagetta explained that the neighborhoods

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REPORTING, WRITING AND ILLUSTRATION: INTERPRETIVE WRITING



Levitt shows a Para-AT caliber handgun to a potential customer at Legend Firearms, Marlboro.

Gun sales up in the Garden State

By KATHY CHANG

Gun dealers are doing brisk business in the Garden State, where stringent gun laws require thorough background checks for the right to own a firearm.

With the uptick in gun sales possibly propelled by recent mass shootings across the country and the national debate on gun control, gun ownership remains a deeply personal decision.

Alexander Koussas, president of the New Jersey Second Amendment Society,

said his life, and his viewpoint on guns, changed on the evening of May 25, 2011. "I was walking home in Newark when I saw a gun shot right in front of me," Koussas said, recalling the night. "I was probably 20 feet away. ... If I didn't jump to take that one shot, I would have been shot crossing paths with those three teenagers and I would have been the victim."

A 42-year-old man was fatally shot as he was walking home that night, allegedly by three teenagers who tried to rob him.

"My interest on guns at the time was in-

different," he said, explaining that shooting a friend's gun at target practice was his only relationship with firearms. "I was straight out of college, having graduated from Rutgers University, and I was not thinking anything like that [his experience in Newark] could happen."

Roussas said his close brush with gun violence in Newark led to many sleepless nights and he started looking into owning a gun and researching gun rights on public forums. He eventually joined the New Jersey Second Amendment Society.

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Camp Kilmer eyed for more affordable housing

By JACQUELINE DURITT
Contributor

Edison is preparing for the possibility of being required to add more affordable housing units by looking again to a site that's already been useful for that purpose: the former Camp Kilmer.

The Department of Defense closed Camp Kilmer on Nov. 9, 2003, and a year later the township became the Local Redevelopment Authority for the site. Last year, Kildine Homes, an affordable housing complex, opened on part of the Camp Kilmer site.

For a few years, another portion of the site had been under consideration by the Board of Education for the possible construction of a new school, but those plans have been shelved, and according to the township, the board has rescinded its application of use the site.

At the Jan. 25 Township Council meeting, the council approved a resolution to use all of the building on the property for affordable housing for homeless veterans and other eligible applicants.

A similar action was taken at the Dec. 23 meeting, but the township had opted to focus on building 1065 instead of 1066. According to the new resolution, "Building 1066, if better suited for passive recreational uses for the community, and Building 1065 presents a more suitable site for development of affordable housing for veterans and other eligible applicants."

"We're trying to create a focused program that would identify low- and middle-income households that include veterans as a preference for that site to create more of a holiday campus in a recreational setting," said Jack Stock, New, in response to questions on the topic from resident Lora Wilkie. Wilkie asked about the condition of the building and the amount of work it would need to be viable.

New said the township is considering putting out a request for proposals regarding the site, with the intent that the township would not have to pay for these related building costs.

"The hope is that a developer will do it and together with any financial incentives that are available under both state and local laws for affordable housing," she said.

Wilkie also questioned why the township needed additional affordable housing at all.

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AN 'AWESOME' PICK FOR QUEEN



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORTH HUNTERDON HIGH SCHOOL
Julie Schmidt, 16, of Clinton Township, was named homecoming queen at North Hunterdon High School. She was crowned with Jay Smith, 15, a senior who was named homecoming king.

North Hunterdon High focuses on culture of inclusivity

CHERYL MAKIN

CLINTON TOWNSHIP—Julie Schmidt is kind of a big deal. If you ask her fellow students and teachers at North Hunterdon High School, they are quick to say that the 16-year-old senior is "awesome." As Schmidt, a special education student, walks the school's hallway passing out high fives and smiles, her cheerfulness and enthusiasm is infectious.

Schmidt was revealed homecoming queen at the Oct. 14 football game and in her own words — it was "AWESOME." In fact, when her name was announced, the audience all shouted "AWESOME!" in unison.

Chosen by her peers, Schmidt is the embodiment of the attributes the North Hunterdon High School wants to represent, said Homecoming Court members Jay Smith and Rebecca Brooks, both 15. All three hail from Clinton Township.

"I feel Julie was chosen not because she is special, it's just Julie. She was chosen because she is special."

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Julie Schmidt, a special education student, was named North Hunterdon High School's homecoming queen.



For a video on Julie Schmidt being named homecoming queen at North Hunterdon High School, visit MyCentralJersey.com.

SPECIAL REPORT:

Property tax issue remains ignored

Lawmakers pledge reform, but fail to act

DEB JOHNSON

A year after 14,000 voters cried out for property tax reform and half of the Assembly re-elected signed pledges to tackle the No. 1 issue in the state by August, two bills remain unpassed. Lawmakers have done nothing and your taxes are now up by a half-billion dollars.

New Jersey reached an unenviable milestone earlier this year as the average property tax bill hit \$4,000 — the highest in the nation — up more than 2 percent from the year before and an 11 percent hike since 2011, the first year of Republican Gov. Chris Christie's tenure.

A bill (tax reform) was introduced in October 2015 which the Courier News and its sister papers in the USA Today Network/New Jersey unveiled their "Tax Cuts" series, which exposed the bare, inequitable, regressive property tax system we're living in working families and retirees across the state.

"I'm trying to get the perfect starting line, as much as I hate paying it," Princeton Township resident John Longenecker, 73, said of his property tax bill's increase from \$7,000 to \$12,000 in one year.

Longenecker's two adult children are raising their own families in Occupant and Little Silver.

"Political funds don't go up but taxes do. If my kids and their kids weren't in the picture, would I stay here? No way in hell," he said. "It's the way in this economy."

And the collective property tax bill increases \$1.1 billion each year. The more than 1,000 municipalities, school districts, counties and other taxing authorities will collect more than \$27.6 billion from property owners each year, about half of all governmental revenues across the state. The rest comes from sales and income taxes, and various other fees.

Reform cry

The voters ignited a cry for property tax reform, with 14,000 residents signing the Citizen New Jersey's online petition or the real-life paper petition. Citizen New Jersey urged lawmakers to act and asked each of the 118 representatives of the state to sign a pledge to find a way to cut the property tax burden by at least 10 percent by August. Fifty-six lawmakers did so — 48 assembly members and 16 of 46 state senators.

To which Citizen New Jersey asked each to return words what they have done, the response ranged from six

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Korean pears and Jersey soil are perfect together, farmer says

Brian Donohue *for The Star-Ledger*

Every October, new Jersey farmers flock like eagles to farms across the state for the annual fall ritual of apple and pumpkin picking.

But one annual Jersey harvest tradition by the thousands has found its way to the state of New Jersey. They come for the apples. And they come for the pears.

The biggest reason you'll probably see more apples and pumpkins than you will pears is because pears are not native to New Jersey. They were brought to the state by the Dutch in the 17th century. But they were not widely planted until the 19th century.

That's why you'll see so many pears at the Englewood Farm in Hudson County. It's the only farm in the state that grows pears. And it's the only farm in the state that grows pears that are as good as the apples.

Englewood Farm owner Don T. Hill and his wife, Cheryl, told us about Englewood Farm's unique history and how they grew up in Hudson County. *Photo by Brian Donohue for The Star-Ledger*



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The idea seems to have originated with a group of government officials in the George Washington Bridge bid.

Michael Calkins, the general manager of the New Jersey Turnpike Authority, was quoted as saying that he had a "strong suspicion" that Kelly was involved in the bid.

"I think it's a very serious matter," Calkins said. "I think it's a very serious matter."

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A walk with purpose

Megan Hodes hopes to raise awareness about suicide

BY MIKE CURLEY
News Editor

NORWOOD — When Megan Hodes takes to the streets of New York City on June 4, she will walk in the memory of her friend, Kevin Wayne Gregas, and in the hope of preventing others from sharing his fate.

Hodes, an attorney in Norwood, will be among hundreds participating in the Out of the Darkness Overnight walk to raise funds and awareness for suicide prevention.

Gregas, Hodes said, was a popular and popular young man who was always "the life of the party," but committed suicide in the summer of 2004, just after graduating from high school.

"He was the type of person where his random thoughts were just incredibly unsettling," she said, recalling a time Gregas declared, "Everything is funnier with a sandwich."

"Skydiving? Not that funny. Skydiving while eating a sandwich? Hilarious. Wrestling? OK. Wrestling while eating a sandwich? Hilarious," she said. "One time while he was illustrating, he had to run a mile, and he literally just picked up a sandwich in the middle of it. Like, 'Now I'm running while eating a sandwich.'"

Her friend, at heart, was an optimist.

"He was alive just to make other people happy," she said. "So for him to take his own life was so shocking."

Though he brought laughter to the friends and family, Hodes said no one knew the issues he faced.

"He had someone that a lot of us didn't really know about," she said. "I think it's even harder for



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Norwood resident Megan Hodes trains May 23 at One Fitness for the upcoming Out of the Darkness Overnight walk on June 4 in New York City. The walk seeks to raise awareness about suicide prevention.

the person who's the life of the party to actually say, 'You know, I'm having issues, I'm having problems, because they're known as the person who's always entertaining. So I think it's more of an obstacle for them to say, 'Hey, I need help. I need someone to talk to right now.'"

After Gregas' death, she said, many of his friends held parties and events to celebrate his life. Hodes, however, said she didn't feel right to drink and party in the wake of his death.

"This was obviously someone that so many people loved, so many people cared about that just really needed help," she said. "I

feel like I wanted to do something that was going to commemorate his life and show how important he was and actually help other people that might have the same issues as Kevin."

According to the Center for Disease Control, nearly 1 million people will make a suicide attempt, and more than 40,000 will take their own lives this year.

By walking 15 miles from dusk until dawn through New York City, she said, the walk symbolizes bringing issues to light that many don't feel comfortable bringing up.

"A lot of people didn't know Kevin had demons, and the fact the whole point of the Out of the

an attorney, and his death a year ago, just before she took the BAR exam, had her depressed.

"I never really understood why Kevin took his life. I was in a deep depression," she said. "My entire life has revolved around becoming an attorney and the one person who wanted me to be an attorney was no longer here. So there was a lot of issues about even getting out of bed in the morning."

Hodes took the bar exam and became an attorney in November.

"When I realized the overnight walk was going to be back in Manhattan, I felt like the fact that I was struggling for a stake bit and I was in a deep depression, I thought it was even more important that no matter how hard it was, I'm still here and still standing. It makes me so sad that whatever problems Kevin was dealing with, he wasn't able to get through them and still be here now."

The other reason, she said, was seeing how her own life and her family's lives had progressed in the last 10 years. Many of her and Gregas' friends are getting married and having children, Hodes said.

"So much has changed," she said. "I wish he was here to see it."

To prepare for the walk, Hodes has been training at One Fitness in Norwalk five days a week.

"It's not the 16 miles that's really hard, it's the fact that you're doing it in the middle of the night,"

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BHS coaches recognized for saving life

BY SONIA OWCHARIW
Staff Writer

Leo Donatichin of Bloomfield received the American Heart Association's New Jersey American Heartower Award for taking extraordinary steps to save lives in the Chain of Survival in his community.

The awards ceremony was held June 6 at the Robert Wood Johnson Hamilton Center for Health & Wellness in Mercerville.

On March 6, a Bloomfield High School sophomore, Ava Covington collapsed during track practice when her heart apparently stopped, according to AHA Coach Donatichin, along with fellow coaches Terry Iavarone, Casey Newman, Tim White, Kishel Sach and Dana Iavarone spring into action, calling 9-1-1, starting CPR, accessing and utilizing an automated external defibrillator, ensuring other students remained safe and providing clear access when emergency personnel arrived.

Each played a vital role by ensuring that the 16-year-old would live to see another day, according to AHA.

"If I had to describe the event, I would say that all coaches worked quickly and collectively to save a young girl's life," White said. "The CPR training that we all received drove us to make timely and accurate decisions."

"The experience was definitely surreal," Iavarone said. "I think everyone all came together with what we were meant to do."

The event made one realize how fragile life is, Newman added.

"The story has a happy ending, and we couldn't be more proud of our coaches," Bloomfield High School Athletic Director Steven Jenkins said.

When she was 10, Ava collapsed during a basketball scrimmage at Danmont Elementary School, according to her mother Tamé. Her daughter was diag-



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Pictured, from left, are Terry Iavarone, Michael Duda of LifeSavers Inc., Casey Newman, LifeSaver's President Robert Stickle, Tim White and Leo Donatichin at the American Heartower Award ceremony.

gnosed with a heart condition. The left coronary was wrapped around to the right side of the heart, cutting the blood flow. The medical condition was confirmed from an electrocardiogram.

This time around, Covington had open heart surgery on March 22 at Columbia Presbyterian Hospital in New York. She returned on March 25 to her Dewey Street home.

"It is nothing short of a miracle. Ava's life was saved a second time," Tamé told Bloomfield Life. "She is doing very well. She is almost back to normal and playing the cello more."

"Through this experience, the Bloomfield community has been so supported by sending rosary beads and prayer cards," Tamé added.

Warning
LifeSaver Inc. of Fairfield provides Bloomfield High School's automated external defibrillator, as well as first aid and CPR training.

"It's a great year when the training that teachers and coaches received save a life," LifeSaver's President Robert Stickle said.

"We work with them and female customers who have saved the life of a student."

In August 2006, Janet's Law was put into action. Sponsored by New Jersey Assemblyman Jon Bramnick, the legislation was named after Janet Zilinski.

Janet, an 11-year-old from Warren, collapsed during cheerleading practice. A pediatric trauma nurse resuscitated her on the field. On her way to the emergency room, Janet was conscious and later went into cardiac arrest and died, according to The Janet Fund.

Janet's Law made sure that New Jersey public and nonpublic schools are equipped with an automated external defibrillator.

According to AHA, nearly 350,000 people suffer cardiac arrest outside of a hospital every year, and only 10 percent survive. When CPR is given immediately, it doubles or triples survival rates, and ensuring the Chain of Survival can save thousands of lives annually.

The Chain of Survival is a critical five-step process that can mean the difference between life and death for someone experi-

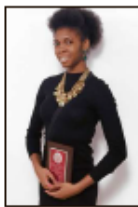


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Ava Covington is doing well, according to her mother.

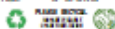
encing sudden cardiac arrest, heart attack or stroke, as well as other medical emergencies such as choking and drowning.

The steps or "links" include: Early Access, Early Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Early Defibrillation, Early Advanced Care and Integrated Post-Cardiac Arrest Care.

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Betty Grebenchakoff signs an autographed copy of her book "Once My Name Was Sara" for Ventnor High School graduate Catherine Mauns, 10.



MARGATE LOBONDO GALLOWAY

Her name was Sara

Fifth graders hear Holocaust survivor speak about living in the Shanghai Ghetto

BY NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY Staff Writer

VENTNOR — Fifth graders inquisitive about the little details of life had the opportunity to ask their pointed questions of Holocaust survivor Betty Grebenchakoff who visited the school Monday, June 6 to make their reading assignments come to life.

The students have been reading Grebenchakoff's book, "Once My Name Was Sara," in class and getting their first insights into the Holocaust, which took the lives of more than 6 million Jews in the 1930s and '40s, 1.5 million of them children.

Although fifth graders are not ready to hear about the atrocities at Auschwitz, the Holocaust is part of the state's curriculum and Grebenchakoff is willing to share the story of her ordeal, said teacher Charlene Twigg, who arranged the talk.

It was the 15th year that Grebenchakoff, 82, has spoken to fifth graders at the Ventnor Educational Community Complex about her experiences during that dreadful time.

Although she moved to St. Petersburg, Florida several years ago, Grebenchakoff returns each summer to Ventnor where she lived for nearly 50 years with her husband Oleg, a gym teacher in the Atlantic schools, and her five children. All of her children attended the Ventnor schools, she said.

"I wrote the book in 1992 for my own children, so they would know their family history," she said. She is also sharing it with the world.

The entire fifth-grade class visited with her in the middle school library, but students who showed special interest in the subject got to enjoy lunch with Grebenchakoff before her talk.

"This is my favorite age," Grebenchakoff said. "They like to ask questions and are

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Margate commissioners vote to end dunes fight

BY NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY Staff Writer

MARGATE — Following a meeting with representatives of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the beach Tuesday, May 31, the Margate Board of Commissioners adjourned to an executive session at the Municipal Building where they unanimously agreed to end their nearly three-year-long fight to stop the dunes from being built on Margate.

Instead, the city agreed to work with NDEP and the Army Corps to address drainage and handicapped accessibility issues, Mayor Michael Becker said.

"It was a casual meeting where we shared ideas and got to give input," Becker said. "They are open to working with us on our concerns."

Becker said there were about a half-dozen representatives from the Army Corps and two from the NDEP at the meeting, which was held on the beach at Easter Avenue.

"It was a good meeting," Becker said.

A NDEP spokesman confirmed in an email to the Current early Thursday afternoon that the state is willing to discuss Margate's concerns. "Both DEP and the U.S. Army Corps work with all municipalities who receive these important beach and dune construction projects to

address whatever concerns they may have before they start," Bob Costello said. "We will continue to work with Margate to address their concerns for the Absecon Island project."

Residents urged the commissioners to fight the state's plan to build one contiguous sand dune across Absecon Island in two non-binding referendums held in November 2013 and 2014. The city agreed to budget \$250,000 to fight the plan, but wound up spending \$310,000 as of June 2, according to Chief Financial Officer Lisa McLaughlin.

Residents and officials said the state's one-at-a-time plan to build the dune was not right for Margate. See DRUNES on Page 7

Ventnor expands hours at City Hall

BY NANETTE LOBONDO GALLOWAY Staff Writer

VENTNOR — The newly seated Board of Commissioners has expanded hours at City Hall to better serve the public, Mayor Bob Holtzman announced on Thursday.

"Starting June 8, the Code Enforcement and Finance offices will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, and the Code Enforcement Office will be

open 8:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays.

"This is part of our 100-day plan to make government more accessible," Holtzman said. "We want residents to have access beyond the regular 9-5 workday. We don't want them to have to take off of work to pay their taxes."

Holtzman said the expanded hours will not cost the city any additional money. "It's being done at no cost to the city. There will be no comp time, no overtime.

Managers will use flex time to adjust their schedules to make this happen."

The additional hours work nights and on Saturdays are designed to allow summer residents to obtain parking stickers, and assist contractors who need to obtain permits on weekends, he said.

"Our hours were not conducive to getting things done. We will try it during this summer and see how it works out," Holtzman said.

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Longport gets ready to offer its like-life Eat Farmers Market, while the market in Margate opens next week. [Page 10](#)

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Is Basking Ridge oak tree dying? 600-year-old landmark at church is in failing health

By W. Jacob Perry

BERNARDSVILLE — In the parish book lies the story of a "tree" whose life has been spent in the shadow of the church. The tree, a 600-year-old oak, is the landmark of the Basking Ridge Episcopal Church. It has stood there for nearly a century, its trunk and branches a testament to the passage of time. The tree is now in failing health, and its future is uncertain.



The tree is now in failing health, and its future is uncertain. The church is considering the tree's removal, but the parishioners are divided on the issue. Some believe the tree is a landmark and should be preserved, while others believe it is a liability and should be removed. The church is currently in the process of evaluating the tree's health and determining the best course of action.

From left to right: the upper branches of the 600-year-old oak tree on the grounds of the Basking Ridge Episcopal Church. Church officials are now seeking plans to address the situation.

Tentative deal on teacher pact

BERNARDSVILLE — With the current teacher union in the state of New Jersey, the Bernards Township School District is negotiating a tentative deal with the teachers' union. The deal includes a 3% raise and a new pension plan. The district is hopeful that the deal will be finalized soon.



PERFORMING THE CLASSICS
Organist Thomas Morrison performs during service on Friday, June 7, in the sanctuary room of the Bernardsville Public Library. The live concert is available on the Friends of the Library Facebook account page from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Will Exxon store increase traffic?

BERNARDSVILLE — The proposed Exxon store on Route 202 in Bernardsville is expected to increase traffic in the area. The store is located on a busy road and is expected to attract a large number of customers. The town is currently evaluating the impact of the store on the local community.



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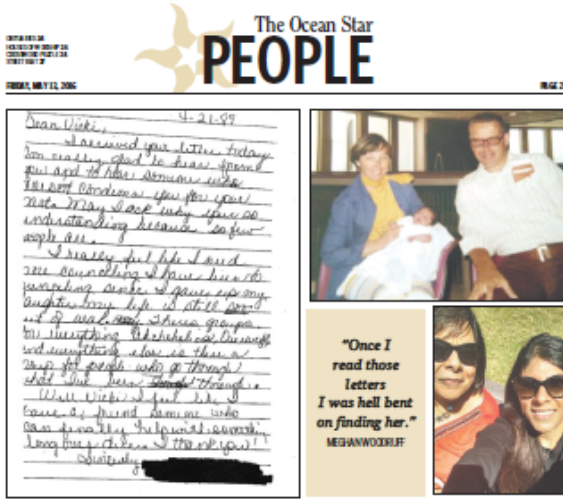
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The Coast Star

A letter and a hunch

Caitlyn Bahrenburg



Meghan Woodruff (top) found her birth mother, Dora Viki, only after she had written to The Coast Star newspaper. Ms. Woodruff, of Point Pleasant, was helped by her parents, Patricia and Thomas Woodruff (right), when she was a teenager.

POINT PLEASANT'S MEGHAN WOODRUFF

A letter & a hunch

One woman's search for her birth mother

BY CAITLYN BAHRENBURG

PHOTO BY MEGHAN WOODRUFF

In the time she spends with her son in Logan, T.J. Meghan Woodruff, 40, of Point Pleasant, was a hunch of a woman who says she was about to meet her birth mother for the first time.

Ms. Woodruff never intended to seek out her birth mother, but she had not wanted to shut out her heritage. Before she was born, her mother had been told she was from her mother's home in the South and had been told she was a dark-skinned woman of a dark mother in the late 1960s or early 1970s.

Through Ms. Woodruff's search, she discovered that she was a dark-skinned woman who had been told she was a dark-skinned woman. She had been told she was a dark-skinned woman who had been told she was a dark-skinned woman.

the family in Logan, T.J., which has since closed. The adoption was a closed adoption, meaning the records of her biological parents were kept sealed.

Though the documents had been sealed by a judge Ms. Woodruff could only think about them as a teenager, which she said she could not afford at the time.

It seemed as though Ms. Woodruff was being searched for, she also obtained a patch of documents regarding her mother's adoption papers. She also present every to copy — not Tim, with copies on their desktop. He said a husband's document containing her birth mother's name, the date of her birth, the date of her adoption, and a list of her biological parents and a birth date.

Ms. Woodruff had always known she was adopted, but she had never known she was adopted. She had never known she was adopted. She had never known she was adopted.

She then after the article was published in the "Sunday edition, Ms. Woodruff" contacted a real estate salesman, wondering if she was looking for children, Dora, and Megan, in her life.

I was in a bad language that night — she said and said, "Dora, and Megan, and there was the long period of of her — she said, "Who is that and I said, "Who — in fact, you called my phone, who was your mother?"

Ms. Woodruff had read the article written by The Logan Star.

"I think I've seen this mother," she told Ms. Woodruff after the phone, according to her account of the conversation.

Through a contact in Logan, after a nearly three-hour conversation, Ms. Woodruff was convinced that the woman on the other end of the phone was her mother.

"I was so shocked that she was my birth mother. The shock was in my personality and the children were not so perfect," she said.

A DNA test made it difficult after 40 years, Ms. Woodruff had found her birth mother.

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'MY TIME WILL COME'

Roberts still following his pro dreams

BY JASON BERNSTEIN
FOR THE JERSEY JOURNAL

Three months ago, Ronald Roberts' NBA dream had seemingly come true. The former St. Peter's Prep and Saint Joseph's University star had received the news that the Philadelphia 76ers were signing him.

Within hours, Roberts was at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, less than 20 miles from his hometown of 8,000, and lining up to play in front of his parents and other family members and friends.

Sometimes, however, childhood dreams don't quite go the way they are envisioned.

Roberts didn't appear in his first NBA game against the Nets, but the next night at home against Memphis, his third day in the NBA ended with Roberts being traded by the Nets on Dec. 14, 2012.

Since then, Roberts' focus has been squarely on nothing — returning to the NBA.

"It was really excited. I went to school in Philadelphia and he was pretty much my second home and one of my best friends. It just felt like everything was perfect. It had all these been moments," Roberts said from the NBA D-League Showcase in Santa Cruz, Calif. "We had the two games back to back and I felt I played more than they let me go the first day — it was really frustrating. But at the same time, I never let the light go out and I just told myself the light is always coming."

"I just told myself I got to keep working to it, keep doing the things I've been doing and, you

ROBERTS played for the Philadelphia 76ers during a 2012 Summer League game, above. At right, Roberts signs autographs for fans during St. Peter's Prep's victory in the 2010 Horizon League North A championship at Rutgers.

ROBERTS signed Third Team All-Star honors from The Sports Illustrated magazine, averaging 19 points and 12.1 rebounds per game to lead the Marquette in a New York, North A championship.

At Saint Joseph's, Roberts was selected the Atlantic 10 Conference's Sixth Man of the Year as a sophomore, and to the All-Atlantic 10 Third Team in his junior and senior years.

Roberts' 1,416 career points are the sixth most in SJSU history, but his rebound rate, 1.25 and his 3.0 field goal percentage is second best in school history.

Roberts' NBA career accomplishments include playing in an NBA game and being a cheerleader and the first two-time All-American in the league.

"It would definitely give a boost in morale to get called up, knowing my hard work paid off and for my parents to be able to see me play in an NBA game," he said. "For my dad, it was always his dream to see that little kid living through me in one and that he was successful something like that."

Roberts said his sole focus is on making it to the NBA. According to Marc Spivey of Saint Joseph's, Roberts turned down a sizable contract offer from Boston's second-tier club, the Celtics, in hopes of being drafted as an NBA rookie.

"It's what I think about when I wake up, during the day when I'm about to go to sleep, when I play at night, this is my life right now. It's not really living to make the NBA," Roberts said. "I play basketball every day. I practice every day, put in the work every day. My life is just making it to the NBA, that's really all there is to it."

Even though he parents Ronald Sr. and Christine played basketball professionally, Roberts was more into basketball growing up. The sport of his father's school career.

It's definitely disappointing but you got to remember that there's a lot of opportunities. My mindset is that eventually a spot is going to open up and I'm going to get my chance. I'm just going to keep grinding. It could be what happens."

Roberts was a Second Team, All-State selection at the D-League Showcase and has generated interest from several NBA teams as a second-round pick.

Despite the losses, Roberts has gotten inside the call-backup in the NBA.

"Right now it's sort of like the setbacks," said Roberts, who played for the Raptors' summer league team and participated in their training camp. "A lot of the scouts are saying that they believe I should be in the NBA, but a lot of scouts are saying they're not going to keep getting to enter and be ready for when you come back."

ROBERTS, left, Saint Joseph's followed by former Langston College way — currently playing for the Nets — poses with the All-Championship team in front of a crowd of fans during the Horizon League North A championship game at Rutgers.



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Greg Tufaro
Staff Writer

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Sports

Camden Catholic's Walsh places 5th

By Dave Rubin
Arlene, N.J. — Camden Catholic's Walsh placed 5th in the state championship basketball tournament on Saturday.

Walsh, a senior, led his team to a 5th-place finish in the tournament. The team's performance was a testament to their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

Walsh's leadership was a key factor in the team's success. He led by example, scoring key points and making crucial plays throughout the tournament.

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Why Calhoun thinks Pikiell will succeed

By Dave Rubin
Arlene, N.J. — Steve Pikiell, head coach of Rutgers University, is expected to succeed as the head coach of Rutgers University.

Calhoun, who has coached at Rutgers for many years, believes Pikiell is the right man for the job. He cited Pikiell's experience and leadership skills as key reasons for his confidence.

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Steve Pikiell, head coach of Rutgers University.

RU lands a winner

Rutgers tabs Steve Pikiell from Stony Brook as new head basketball coach

By Dave Rubin
Arlene, N.J. — Rutgers University has announced the hiring of Steve Pikiell as its new head basketball coach.

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Bill Evans

By Dave Rubin
Arlene, N.J. — Bill Evans, a prominent figure in the sports world, has been named as the new head coach of Rutgers University.

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Hybrid News

'Beach Blanket Bingo' meets 'The Wild One'
 Boardwalk performers shouldn't be treated like criminals

I understand Ocean City's desire to preserve its reputation as a premier vacation destination for families and individuals who seek to enjoy the beach. But the current regulations that are being added to the city's ordinance are not only excessive but also unnecessary. The current ordinance is already a complex and cumbersome set of regulations that is difficult to understand and enforce. The current ordinance is a patchwork of regulations that have been added over the years, and it is time to take a step back and re-evaluate the current regulations. The current regulations are not only excessive but also unnecessary. The current ordinance is already a complex and cumbersome set of regulations that is difficult to understand and enforce. The current ordinance is a patchwork of regulations that have been added over the years, and it is time to take a step back and re-evaluate the current regulations.



YOUR VIEWS

Oppose pipeline to B.L. England
 I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed pipeline project in B.L. England. The project is a threat to the environment and the community. It is time to stop the project and protect our natural resources.

Thanks for see near the bridge
 I would like to thank you for the recent article about the bridge project. It was very informative and helpful. I am looking forward to seeing the project completed.

Does council only consider merchants concerns in O.C.?
 I am writing to express my concern about the city council's focus on merchant concerns. The council should also consider the needs of the community and the environment. It is time to take a more holistic approach to city planning.

A LOOK BACK By Karen Brano

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'Beach Blanket Bingo' meets 'The Wild One'; Newspapers are a key conduit

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The Progress

*You know what is best for your child;
I'm Batman*

Russ Crespolini

OPINION

EDITORIAL Reminder: Go vote

You've heard it before. But it's worth repeating. Your vote is the single most powerful way you can impact our democratic process. No one person's vote counts more or less than any other's.

With several hot races in the West State area to be decided at the Tuesday, Nov. 9 general election, you may be undecided about the issues. This will be especially true, as you make the final decision to cast your ballot on Nov. 9.

Today we want you to know why local issues are so important to you and your family. You have been and will continue to be making about 200 local decisions in The Progress. Over the past few weeks we made our own decisions. Many of them are for the good of our community. We are asking you to make your own decisions. We are asking you to make your own decisions. We are asking you to make your own decisions.

Over in Boarded, Republican Council President David J. Bunch has served three terms. Republican Councilman Richard Lantieri has served eight terms as a councilman and three as a mayor. However, Christopher DeLuca has chosen his hat in the ring, winning the Democratic party nomination in June. We are asking you to make your own decisions to vote on the Nov. 9 election.

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Only you know what is best for your own children



I had a conversation with a woman who was a mother of three children. She was talking to me about the importance of reading to her children.

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What's not a source of pride? It's the number of people who have read to their children every day since they were born.

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Two towns for the ages: from the Revolution to 2016

On consecutive nights during a recent week, I covered meetings of the Allentown Borough Council and the Englishtown Borough Council. I may have been the only reporter in New Jersey that week who covered meetings in two communities that existed prior to 1707.

Just typing the date "1707" is almost ridiculous. After all, how many times in a year's worth of articles and columns do I need to refer back to a time that predates the Revolutionary War?

The patch on an Englishtown police officer's shoulder carries the date 1688. Borough Hall is a short walk from the Revolutionary era Village Inn.

A sign in the meeting room at Allentown Borough Hall carries the date 1706 (a newbie when compared to Englishtown) and states that the borough is a National Historic District and the "Crossroads of the American Revolution."

Allentown has about 1,800 residents. Englishtown is home to about 1,500 people.

Each community has issues that are unique to its location and to its residents, although one issue is common to both small towns—traffic.

For most people, Englishtown and Allentown are not destinations, they are places to be driven through on your way to somewhere else. Thousands of motorists pass through each town every day. There are times when making a turn could be a challenging Olympic event, or when one could use a sundial to measure the time spent sitting in a traffic jam.

Primary roads in both communities are under the jurisdiction of Monmouth County—Tennent Avenue, Main Street and Water Street in Englishtown, and Main Street, Church Street and High Street in Allentown.

Elected officials in both towns face an ongoing stream of concerns expressed by residents and business owners about the situation and all they can do in most cases is to hector their county representatives to take some type of action.

Let's face facts, there may not be any perfect solutions in the 21st century to move thousands of vehicles through what are essentially 18th century villages that have largely remained frozen in time.

A few weeks before I covered that council meeting in Allentown, a friend and I took a ride to western Monmouth County be-

cause I wanted her to see the rural area she examines, which is one newspaper of which I am the managing editor, covers.

We walked down Lakeview Drive in Allentown, through a small park, and found a bench at the Allentown Mill Pond. It was a peaceful place to sit and enjoy the view, with a lovely breeze to cool off the heat of the day.

On our walk back up Lakeview Drive, we spotted gravestones on a small rise and I recognized the location as an historic cemetery that had been the subject of a recent article in the Examiner. The headstones, many of which can no longer be read, date back to the 1700s.

Just think about the years, the decades, the centuries that have passed by since those individuals were laid to rest on that spot on Lakeview Drive. All you can do at that moment is bow your head, say a prayer and hope those men, women and children are still at peace three centuries after they died.

On Main Street in Englishtown, a monument that was dedicated on July 4, 1947, honors the residents of Englishtown and Manalapan who served in World War I and World War II.

The monument carries the names of the men from Englishtown and Manalapan who were killed in those wars. It serves as a reminder of the two times when America was called on to save the world.

Thousands of people drive by that location every day and likely have no idea what is on that stone. It is worth knowing. You will not find shopping malls, movie theaters or hospitals in Englishtown and Allentown. You will have to go to "new" towns to find those modern amenities.

In that way, perhaps, present day Englishtown and Allentown are still somewhat like the villages they were when they were founded.

The residents of both communities have pride in where they live and might well reject any suggestion to merge with a larger municipality that surrounds them, even if remaining independent comes at a higher cost.

After all, independence, in these parts, was once something worth fighting for.

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The Allentown Public Library will host lecturer Martin Mosho as he presents "Unsung Heroines: The Role of Women in the Civil War" at 7 p.m. Sept. 8. The lecture will explore achievements credited to women who served as spies, nurses, combatants and volunteers during the Civil War. Register by calling 609-259-7565.

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BOYS SOCCER PREVIEW 2016

Players to watch

Miles Franklin,
Bergen Catholic, sr. F
The Mountain moved forward 10 goals, 17 assists and scored in one of the top engines in North Jersey and was one of the strongest goals. The Mount D. Franklin, who also is a secondary goal, while in the season with seven goals of 10 goals and 11 assists.

Cole Bosch,
Bergen Catholic, sr. F
Bosch is an offensive player who has scored from all over the field. The senior is a strong, hardworking player who is a goal scorer and an assist maker. He is also a dangerous offensive player.

Sebastian Varola,
Ramapo, jr. D
The senior center midfielder had one goal and four assists a year ago as Ramapo's captain. He is a strong player who is a goal scorer and an assist maker. He is also a dangerous offensive player.

Carlo Gonzalez,
Ramapo, sr. F
Gonzalez led the Cardinals with 18 goals and four assists a year ago as Ramapo's captain. He is a strong player who is a goal scorer and an assist maker. He is also a dangerous offensive player.

Andrew Granetti,
Ramapo, sr. M
He should be a candidate for the Green Ties after playing in the past few years for the Ramapo Developmental Academy and the NJ State Academy.

Ryan Miller,
Passaic Valley, sr. F
He had 18 goals and seven assists last season, when he was in the top 10 North Jersey players. He is a strong player who is a goal scorer and an assist maker. He is also a dangerous offensive player.



Jack Duncan,
Emerson, sr. F/M
He registered 17 goals and 10 assists last season and helped his team reach the North 1, Group 1 State. As an All-Jersey County selection, Duncan is a solid scorer and passer who has been in the Blue Devils.

Michael Lin,
Passaic Valley, sr. M
He had 10 goals and 11 assists last season and helped his team reach the North 1, Group 1 State. As an All-Jersey County selection, Lin is a solid scorer and passer who has been in the Blue Devils.

Deoxyr Clunha,
Harrison, jr. F/M
Clunha will be a final point for his team in either developing one of the top players in North Jersey.

Alejandro Perez,
New Milford, sr. F
The senior forward scored one goal in the North Jersey season in 2015. He is a strong player who is a goal scorer and an assist maker. He is also a dangerous offensive player.

Felix Mink,
Passaic Tech, sr. D
Mink is a four-year starter, is a steady leader for his team and will play in the top 10 in North Jersey.

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BOYS SOCCER
No. 1 Ramapo
Last week's ranking: 100-1
Final 2015 ranking: No. 1

Final season: The Green Ties had one of the best seasons in the state in 2015. Led by senior Miles Franklin, the team finished with eight goals, one assist and a runner-up finish. Ramapo has qualified for the playoffs in seven seasons under coach Brian Shantz, who spent his final season with the Blue Devils. Ramapo and Ramapo Developmental Academy will meet.

The Green Ties also continue to be a solid unit that includes senior captain midfielder Jack Miller, senior outside back Cole Bosch, senior center back Sebastian Varola, senior forward Ryan Miller, junior goalkeeper Connor Howard and senior goalkeeper Corey.

Significant scorers: With seven goals, Ramapo's senior forward Cole Bosch leads the team. The senior is going for his third straight Green County tournament goal and fourth in his last two seasons, so they will be a target on his back.

He must be at his best to carry his team to the playoffs. The production leaders of Jack Miller (10 goals), Carlo Gonzalez (10 goals), and Ryan Miller (10 goals) will be key to the team's success.

— **Staff Writer**

2016 preseason Top 25 ranking

1. Emerson	100-1
2. Bergen Catholic	75-0
3. Passaic Valley	12-0
4. Glen Ridge	10-0
5. Glen Ridge	12-0
6. Harrison	10-0
7. Lincoln Park	12-0
8. North Plainfield	10-0
9. North Plainfield	10-0
10. North Plainfield	10-0
11. Passaic Tech	10-0
12. Passaic Tech	10-0
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Countdown to No. 1

Sebastian Varola is a final point for his team in either developing one of the top players in North Jersey.

— **Staff Writer**

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CBA's Rivera Wins State Title On Last Second Pin

By Rich Chrampanis

ATLANTIC CITY — In what was a long and exciting night of pinning, the state title in the 112-pound weight class went to CBA's Rivera on the last second pin of the night. Rivera, who was the only wrestler to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, defeated Mike Rivera, who was the only wrestler to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, on the last second pin of the night.

and followed that with his first two-point take-down in the opening round. Following an escape by Rivera to make 1:10, the remainder of the match went to Rivera on the last second pin. The two wrestlers' second-round action was quite as they made their way to the mat. Rivera, who was the only wrestler to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, on the last second pin of the night, defeated Mike Rivera, who was the only wrestler to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, on the last second pin of the night.



Wrestler Mike Rivera (left) and CBA's Rivera (right) during their match at the state title in Atlantic City, 112.

They are state titles, the winners in all six weight classes. Rivera, who was the only wrestler to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, on the last second pin of the night, defeated Mike Rivera, who was the only wrestler to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, on the last second pin of the night.



Vetrano Earns Third Place Medal at 182 Pounds

By Rich Chrampanis

MIDDLETON'S MATEO VETRANO was just one of the wrestlers to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, on the last second pin of the night. Vetrano, who was the only wrestler to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, on the last second pin of the night, defeated Mike Rivera, who was the only wrestler to win a state title in Atlantic City, 112, on the last second pin of the night.



Wrestler Mateo Vetrano (left) and Mike Rivera (right) during their match at the state title in Atlantic City, 112.

Colts Neck

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Agrawal Enjoys Best of Both Worlds; From the World Cup to Colts Neck High, Frankie's Back!; CBA's Rivera Wins State Title on Last Second Pin

Rich Chrampanis

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Rams' Track Squad Extends Win Streak To 66 Dual Meets; Cedars Beach Patrol Repeats as Champs After Last-Event Win; Southern Football Team Secures Playoff Spot

David Biggy
Writer

SPORTS
Rams Revive Year With Win Against Red Bank Catholic

Hayes: 'January Was a Tough Month'

On Monday night the Southern Regional (SR) hockey team totally dominated a Red Bank Catholic equal from the first step of the puck.

The stats show some of the pictures: The Rams had an 18-6 shot-on-goal advantage at the end of the first period, led 16-11 in that department after the second 15 minutes of play, and would go on to outshoot the Canes, 49-19.

The stats, however, can't show the wider panorama of Southern's dominance. The team came out flying, and it never slowed down. Its special teams offensive charge after offensive change and kept the Canes on their heels all night. It was a rare thing indeed when the Rams didn't beat the opposition to a loose puck, be it at center ice or in the corners.

Yes, while Southern decidedly outplayed RBC, the game was still tied, 1-1, late in the third.

The Rams had struck first with 4:48 left in the first period when sophomore Paul Coyne and junior Jack Conrad set up senior J.J. Hawkins for a power play goal. Hal at the 11:43 mark of the second RBC had the score when senior Doug Rabin let fly with a crumpled shot from just inside the blue line that somehow tickled in after Southern sophomore goalkeeper Cameron Conrad seemed to have made the save.

Southern had all the advantage in the third.

With one RBC player already in the penalty box at the 9:54 mark Coyne sophomore Kevin Jennings took a tripping penalty to give Southern a five-on-four advantage for 1:45. Although the Rams applied into-the-pressure, taking the killer shot, Coyne senior goalie Matt Shevjanin (who suited up with 47 career minutes taking a slap shot to his mask that skipped play while he recovered his wits for a few minutes late in the second) didn't break and kept the game knotted. Instead, RBC actually had a two-on-one short-handed opportunity late in the power play (Southern's goalie Conrad made up for his earlier soft goal).

With 3:47 left Southern had an outstanding opportunity when Jack Conrad broke free and launched a heavy shot. Unfortunately it clanged off the goalpost.

Then the Red Bank Catholic defense committed an unforgotten giveaway at center ice and paid for it dearly. Southern sophomore forward Hunter Ballo galloped in the puck and took off, spearing it about seven feet from the Canes' goalie before hitting a shot over his shoulder to score with 3:09 left on the clock. The Southern bench went crazy!

The Rams kept on the pressure for the remainder of the game and came away with a 2-1 victory that improved Southern's record to 11-4-4 overall and 6-2-3 in A South play.

It was a badly needed win, at least in terms of psychology.

Southern, which advanced all the way to the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association Public A State semifinals last year, had started off its 2015-2016 season on fire. The Rams went 7-0-1 in their first eight games, outscoring their opponents by a 45 to 14 margin. Their first loss of the season came on Dec. 30, to RBC, no less, by a 3-1 margin despite outshooting the Canes, 44-21.

So Monday evening's win was sweet revenge for Southern. It also should take the pressure off a Rams team that hasn't posted a victory for quite a while.

"January was a tough month," said Southern coach Matt Hayes.

Actually the second half of January was a rough half of a month. Southern started off 2016 with 9-2 divisional wins over Irish Memorial and Toms River South. Yes, they lost to Monmouth, an A North team, 2-1, on Jan. 7, but then came back to win a 4-2 non-conference decisive over Camden (on the road, no less) on the 12th and beat Jackson Memorial, an A South opponent, 1-1, on the 15th.

Another 2-2, with Toms River North, followed on the 18th. The 19th brought yet another deadlock, 4-4, with St. John Vianney. It was the 27th and 28th, however, that really hurt the Rams, as they lost to A South two Irish Township (4-2) and Toms River East (4-3) to fall behind Jackson Memorial in the A South race.

It seems likely Red Southern will not repeat as A South champs.

The Rams will almost assuredly win their last A South game of the campaign against a weak Toms River South team on Tuesday (too late for this column). But Jackson Memorial, at 6-1-3 in A South, would have to lose to either Irish Memorial (2-5-3 A South) or Toms River South (1-0-1) for Southern to climb back on top.

"That's over," said Hayes, "but we have bigger things to mind."

What precipitated Southern's fall in late January?

"Nothing was working," said the coach of his team's scoring opportunities during the five-game winning streak. "We tried too hard (and always a recipe for disaster in hockey)."

It was obvious looking at the Southern players on the ice in locker room that Monday's victory had taken a weight off their shoulders. As it should... it was a big win.

RBC's 11-6-2 overall record in scoring. The Canes are at the top of the Shore Conference A Central group with a 7-1-1 divisional record. Some of their losses came to highly ranked non-public teams such as Notre Dame (noted 17th in New Jersey) St. Joseph of Montclair (ranked 10th) and Pope John (10th). Red Bank Catholic is a good hockey team.

Hayes, too, was a happy camper on Monday, looking back he really did have bigger things to mind than another A South title.

"We're a good team," he optimistically said when asked how he thought his team could fare in the postseason. He said it with a wide smile.

—Rick McQuay



Photographs by Ryan Morris

OFFENSE IS BEST DEFENSE: Prior to Monday's game at Windy River Park in Toms River, Southern Regional had only three ties and two losses to show for its last five games. The Rams started the season undefeated in eight games before losing to Red Bank Catholic. On Feb. 1, they avenged that loss, 2-1, in a game that displayed concourse pressure against the RBC defense, outshooting their opponents, 49-19. Hunter Ballo scored the game winner late in the final period. (Above) Matt Shevjanin is the team captain.

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Ridgewood squads reign once again



Ridgewood lacrosse players, left, try to hold on to the ball during the game against the Maroons. The boys' team won the championship.

Overtime heroics lift boys to first championship since 2011

BY MATTHEW BIRCHENOUGH
Assistant Sports Editor

MAHOEWS — Lapping in the opening minutes of the game, Ridgewood lacrosse players, left, try to hold on to the ball during the game against the Maroons. The boys' team won the championship.

It was a dramatic finish to the season for the boys' lacrosse team as they defeated the Maroons in overtime to win their first championship since 2011. The game, held at the Maroons' home field, was a hard-fought battle that went into extra time. Ridgewood's defense held strong, preventing the Maroons from scoring in the final minutes of regulation. In overtime, Ridgewood's offense came alive, with several players contributing to the victory. The win marks a significant achievement for the team and their coaches.

The boys' lacrosse team has a rich history of success, and this championship is a testament to their hard work and dedication. The team's performance throughout the season was exceptional, and this victory is a well-deserved reward for their efforts. The coaches and staff played a crucial role in the team's success, providing guidance and support throughout the season.

The championship game was a thrilling event, with fans and spectators cheering on their favorite teams. The atmosphere was electric, and the game lived up to the hype. Ridgewood's victory was a moment of pride for the entire school community.

The boys' lacrosse team is looking forward to the future and hopes to continue their success in the coming years. They will be looking to defend their championship and bring home more titles. The team's spirit and determination are a source of inspiration for all who follow them.



Goalie Jack Kline, left, is credited with making a game-winning save in the overtime win for the boys' team.



Girls lacrosse players, left, try to hold on to the ball during the game against the Maroons. The girls' team won the championship.

Girls dominate IHA to bring home 12th consecutive title

BY MATTHEW BIRCHENOUGH
Assistant Sports Editor

MAHOEWS — The Ridgewood girls lacrosse team dominated the IHA tournament, bringing home their 12th consecutive title. The team's performance was exceptional throughout the tournament, showcasing their skill and teamwork. The girls' lacrosse team has a long and storied history of success, and this championship is a testament to their hard work and dedication.

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Overtime heroics lift boys to first championship since 2011; Maroons seek first crown since 2012; Ridgewood goalie gets a Devil of a chance

Matthew Birchenough
Assistant Sports Editor

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MHS BASEBALL Season-opening win saved by a rainy day

Three-run 5th inning lifts Mounties over Nutley

BY KRY BIRNBAUM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES
The 2016 season began with an unblemished April 7th, a day for fans in North Jersey to cheer for the Montclair High School baseball team.

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The Montclair High baseball team looks to get back on track.



MHS/MKA player Chris Conrad is seen in action during the game.

MHS BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Youth looks to build

Montclair High sets sights on developing young roster

BY TRICKY VERONICA
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

The Montclair High boys volleyball team will look to build on its success from last season as it enters the 2016 season. The team, which has a record of 1-0, defeated Nutley 3-1 in a game that was interrupted by a rain delay in the 5th inning.

MHS/MKA BOYS LACROSSE Cougars win rivalry game



MKA player Chris Conrad is seen in action during the game.

MKA explodes in fourth to beat young Mounties

BY TRICKY VERONICA
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

Montclair High School's boys lacrosse team defeated Montclair Kimberley Academy (MKA) 10-7 in a rivalry game on Tuesday, April 5. The game was interrupted by a rain delay in the 5th inning.

MHS GIRLS LACROSSE Mountie laxers continue to grow



MHS girls lacrosse players are seen in action during the game.

Despite rocky start, Montclair squad excited for 2016 season

BY TRICKY VERONICA
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

Although the Montclair girls lacrosse team had a rocky start to the 2016 season, the team is excited for the 2016 season. The team, which has a record of 1-0, defeated Nutley 3-1 in a game that was interrupted by a rain delay in the 5th inning.

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BOYS BASKETBALL



600-Win Club
Shawnee's Joe Kessler is about to become the eighth South Jersey boys' basketball coach with 600 career wins. Here is the list:

Coach	Schools	Record
1. Ron Vecchio	Wrentham	687-526
2. Clarence Turner	Camden	775-546
3. Jim Crawford	Camden Catholic	713-238
4. Tom Bennett	Wrentham	657-327
5. Paul Collins*	Wilmington	500-387
	Riverside	
6. Lou Schantz	Salem	625-366
7. John Vavra*	Cherry Hill East	608-400
	Lancaster	
	Camden	
8. Joe Kessler*	Shawnee	588-582

*retiree

Joe Kessler downplays the 600-win milestone. "It says I'm getting old." The coach had Shawnee into a dominant program in the early '80s.

Joe is great at getting the most out of each one of his kids.
Landscape coach Chuck Gilliam on Shawnee's Joe Kessler

Kessler a Creature of Habit
Among them is winning; Shawnee coach is on verge of No. 600.

Shawnee's practices all begin the same way, with coach Joe Kessler pushing the big wheeled cage onto the floor and muting the backboards to the players. "Nobody else can do it," Shawnee assistant coach J.R. Collins said.

Shawnee's practices all end the same way, too, with the "short" team scoring a basket at the same end of the court.

But so do the white team (free-throw, wearing the white jerseys) has to be at the end," Collins said.

When something works for Kessler, he sticks with it — whether it's the same drill sandwiched on game day, the same parking eye line inside the Shawnee gymnasium, the same warm-up routine.

"I don't think they've changed that music in 20 years," Landscape coach Chuck Connor said.

Kessler's consistency extends to the court as well. His teams have been among South Jersey's best, year in and year out, since he took over the Shawnee program in 1968.

Kessler is on the brink of becoming the eighth coach in South Jersey history with 600 career victories. His record is 608-582 in his 32nd season.

"I say I'm getting old," Kessler said of the milestone. "You been doing it a long time. I've had great assistants and coached a lot of great players."

Kessler, 67, changed the landscape of South Jersey basketball in the 1980s. That's when Shawnee, seemingly out of nowhere, became the area's most dominant program.

Shawnee in 1980 became

Marion Roc Council. Shawnee's teams are a reflection of Kessler's philosophy of the game, with a heavy emphasis on spreading the basketball. And this might seem counterintuitive — given his devotion to regimen and routine — but Kessler's best teams have always been less bound by structure and more motivated, with a desire for hitting in a system that encourages creative play.

"Part of Joe's practice is that he doesn't overcoach," Earl said. "He doesn't try to control everything. He teaches on how to play the game and then he lets us play the game."

"Reading the screens, proper spacing, player movement, ball movement — he teaches you that. You learn that in practice. In the game, 'Go play!'"

Said Collins, a standout Shawnee player in the mid-1980s who has been an assistant for 10 seasons. "He's had the same philosophy for 30 years — give us a good drive or a loose drive."

Kessler's teams in the 1980s remain among the all-time favorites in South Jersey basketball annals.

The 1981 team was a revelation. The 1982 and 1983 teams carved up the public school competition on their way to Group 1 state titles and took national power to Anthony in the statehouse (led in back-to-back T or C state games).

The 1984 team that featured Princeton-bound star guard Brian Earl, Earl's younger brother and Princeton-bound junior center Malik Allen as well as Collins and Brian Beards

rd demanded more NBA star Vince Carter's team in a tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Shawnee team also scored the first in the state semifinals against a Pleasanton team that was ranked No. 4 in New Jersey and featured two future Division I guards, including Villanova standout John Coleman.

"We never ran a play," Collins said. "We were imposed on by screens. We just ran it, make a screen, spread the court, read or screen."

"Our only play was 'find and find your man. Malik hadn't touched the ball in a while and we needed to get it inside."

Kessler has been a head coach at Shawnee for 32 years. He has no plans to retire, as a teacher or a coach.

"I don't think I'll do it anymore," Kessler said. "But I still enjoy it. I still love coaching, love coaching."

Kessler has been inspired by a young man (the son) who, with three operations and a malunion to the starting lineup. The 16-year-old could be a year or two away from big time.

The ending has been moved. When Kessler finally does walk away, Collins knows how he will make his bid, based on another of the coach's lengths (a lot) of inspiration.

"He has to walk through the right side of a doorway, even if it's a double door," Collins said. "Never the other side."

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MILLVILLE, N.J. (NJ.com) — Millville is working on athletic fields behind Lakeside High School.

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Attorney general to take Rutgers job

Gov. Christie's attorney general, Christopher Christie, will take over the job of attorney general when he leaves the governor's office in January 2018. The Rutgers Board of Governors will name a new attorney general to take over the job when Christie leaves the governor's office.

Michigan emails told of water worries

High-ranking officials in Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's administration were sent a report in September 2014 that predicted a major water shortage in the state by 2030. The report, which was sent to Snyder and other top officials, said that Michigan's water resources would be depleted by 2030, and that the state would need to import water from other states to meet its needs.

Es-drug CEO smirks through hearing

Industrious members of Congress, including House Minority Leader Charles W. Stenholm, were told that the CEO of a drug company, who was accused of selling prescription drugs at inflated prices, smirked through a hearing. The CEO, who was accused of selling prescription drugs at inflated prices, smirked through a hearing.

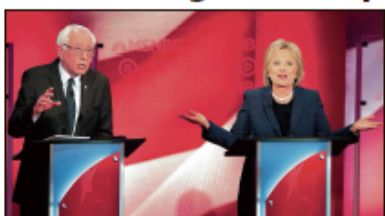
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Joyce Leslie stores shutting for good

Christie's attorney general, Christopher Christie, will take over the job of attorney general when he leaves the governor's office in January 2018. The Rutgers Board of Governors will name a new attorney general to take over the job when Christie leaves the governor's office.

As race narrows, debate stage heats up



In their first one-on-one debate, Sen. Dennis Coakley and former Secretary of State William Christie discussed health care, financial regulation and foreign affairs Thursday night in New Hampton.

Similar ideals, but Dems spar over tactics

Gov. Christie and Sen. Coakley have similar goals, but they disagree on how to achieve them. Christie wants to reduce government spending and increase tax revenue, while Coakley wants to increase government spending and reduce tax revenue.

Christie goes all in against Rubio

Gov. Christie has taken a hard line against Sen. Marco Rubio, accusing him of being a "crony capitalist" and of having a record of corruption.



Governor Christie speaking Thursday at an ethics hall meeting at an Ethics Lodge in Newark, N.J.

A life dedicated to his players

Softball coach Anthony LaRocca has dedicated his life to his players. He has coached them through tough times and helped them achieve their dreams.

A new wrinkle in Zisa drama

Defense says prosecutor tried to force mistrial

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Arrest Is Made In Fatal Hit/Run In Barnegat

A Barnegat Township woman was arrested Aug. 8 by members of the Barnegat Police Department and Ocean County Prosecutor's Office for knowingly leaving the scene of an accident that resulted in death. Camie Harmon, 27, was re-arrested in the Ocean County Jail on Toms River in lieu of \$150,000 bail (no 10 percent option).

Lt. Keith Germain said that shortly before 8 a.m. that day, 61-year-old Marie Thorne of Barnegat was walking on Ridgeway Street in the area of Hayview Boulevard when she was struck by a vehicle that left the scene. The victim was transported to Southern Ocean Medical Center in Manasquan, where she was pronounced dead.

The Ocean County Prosecutor's Office Vehicular Homicide Unit and Ocean County Sheriff's Department CSI Unit responded to assist Barnegat detectives and traffic safety investigators with the investigation. Based on evidence uncovered at the scene, police were looking for a Chevrolet Silverado, Tahoe or Suburban with damage to the right front portion of the vehicle.

Germain said that approximately 4 p.m. an anonymous citizen who had seen media reports describing the incident and description of the vehicle being sought, flagged down Paulman Kyle Cannon and advised his brother had just seen a vehicle matching the description traveling south on Route 7. Barnegat officers flooded the area in an effort to locate the vehicle. A short time later, Sgt. Jason Carroli

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Barnegat-Waretown Chamber Donates to 'Day on the Bay'

The Barnegat Recreation Department's "Day on the Bay" outreach program for the disabled got a major boost in the form of a \$1,000 donation from the Barnegat-Waretown Chamber of Commerce. Jary Thompson, chamber president, presented a \$1,000 check to Walter Hernandez at the township committee's Aug. 2 meeting.

Since its inception 10 years ago, Hernandez has coordinated the event in which children and adults with special needs get free boat rides in the Barnegat Bay. The next one is scheduled for Sunday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Sherrin's Boat House, at 482 East Bay Ave.

Prior to starting the event, Hernandez said he used to take a few special needs people on an occasion in his own boat.

"There I found out there was a whole population that never went out on a boat," he said. "I thought, 'This is a chance. We've got to do something.'"

Hernandez said the event features a DJ, refreshments and various family-oriented activities.

"We have pictures taken so they can have something to remember the day," he said.

Hernandez said the day on the Bay draws approximately 200 people.

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Whipping Turns at Wall Stadium

'Summer Scorcher' a Heated Night of Racing

By TIM HONE

I had never been in a stock car race before last Saturday night's Summer Scorcher event at Wall Stadium Speedway. I was one of those people who didn't understand the appeal of watching cars make hundreds of loops around a track. So I bought a program for \$4 and tried to get involved in the race any way I could. Luckily, getting involved in a race at Wall Stadium Speedway

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in southern Monmouth County is almost hilariously possible, thanks to the Green Flag Driving Experience. Green Flag is an organization that "strives to provide the best racing experience for our clients by understanding their need for speed and putting their foot on the GAS!" In \$50, race fans can experience 10 laps around the 1/4-mile, high-banked track as a racecar passenger.

I put on a "leopard" suit and stylish red shoes, a white helmet and blue racing gloves. I distributed to Tommy Calozano, a former racer who left the circuit when his son was born, a carver move decided by the highest of the racing hierarchy. Just 20 minutes later, when all is said and done, can cost more than \$1,500—and legally, must be replaced every few years as fire-retardant coating wears off the equipment.

Calozano runs a demolition company as his day job. That he will



TAKING STOCK: (Clockwise from top left) The author sets up in a few-panels wait for his ride-along. Racers in the 25-lap legend car feature race jockey for position. The red No. 21 car lags around the final turn into the home stretch.

Photograph by David McCar

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regularly visit the track as a driver for Green Flag and as a mechanic. He hasn't been in a demolition duty at the speedway because it's too much like work, but he enjoys working with Green Flag. He knew the caution that surrounds the race.

Calozano can speak with a mechanical engineer's precision about the way weight distribution affects the handling of the car, and the way springs in the car interact to affect the distribution. As we walked together

to "drop into" the track, as it were, it struck me that Calozano was talking at length about engineering. His focus was not on just piloting the gas and turning the wheel to the left, but on the springs, the tires, every part of the machine being at once.

That's why Gary Conkling, another retired racer who now runs Green Flag Racing Experience, says, "You don't win races in the track, you win races in the shop." The difference between the casual racer and the me-

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Our Lady of Mount Carmel to appeal closing

BY STEVE HANSEN/STAFF WRITER
DUSTY WISSE

The parishioners of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are not going away without a fight. After the Archdiocese of Newark announced the church would shut and merge the parish with Holy Trinity Church, parishioners are looking for ways to open a successful appeal. According to Frank Calabrese, the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, the church has been closed for several years. He said the church is not only a place of worship, but also a place of community. He said the church is not only a place of worship, but also a place of community. He said the church is not only a place of worship, but also a place of community.



Members of the parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel gathered for a prayer service in the church on May 17, 2016. Photo by Steve Hansen.

BOARD OF EDUCATION Two out of three is a start

New board members sworn in; no president, VP elected

BY STEVE HANSEN/STAFF WRITER
DUSTY WISSE

The Montclair Board of Education met Monday night to swear in its new members. The board is made up of seven members, including the superintendent and the superintendent's designee. The board is responsible for the district's schools. The board is responsible for the district's schools. The board is responsible for the district's schools. The board is responsible for the district's schools.



Montclair Board of Education members at the swearing-in ceremony on May 19, 2016. Photo by Steve Hansen.



Montclair Board of Education members at a public meeting on May 19, 2016. Photo by Steve Hansen.

MONTCLAIR SCHOOLS Being opposed as one

BOE approves letter against proposed charter school

BY STEVE HANSEN/STAFF WRITER
DUSTY WISSE

The Montclair Board of Education has approved a letter opposing a proposed charter school. The board is responsible for the district's schools. The board is responsible for the district's schools. The board is responsible for the district's schools. The board is responsible for the district's schools.

MONTCLAIR POLICE Man says MPD pointed gun at him while walking home

Incident occurred during response to March 20 shooting

BY LISA MARIE SEGARRA
DUSTY WISSE

On the evening of March 20, a man walking home was stopped by Montclair Police officers. The man said the officers pointed a gun at him. The man said the officers pointed a gun at him. The man said the officers pointed a gun at him. The man said the officers pointed a gun at him.



Montclair Police Officer [Name] on duty. Photo by Steve Hansen.

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Man says MPD pointed gun at him while walking home; A score of none

Lisa Marie Segarra
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How much lead is in your water?

Straus News takes a closer look at water quality

BY ERIKA NORTON

SPARTA — With the recent exposure of elevated lead levels in the Flint, Michigan public water systems, many are wondering how much lead is in their water.

“There are some areas in Sussex County, especially the older areas of Sussex County, where leaded solder was used in the past,” said Bruce Seibold, acting administrator and health officer for the Sussex County Environmental and Public Health Services. “Lead pipes were used in the past in some of the older locations — these are actually lead pipes — so I wouldn’t say it’s a problem, but periodically it does appear.”

The Environmental Protection Agency requires that all community water systems prepare and deliver an annual water quality report called a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for their customers by July 1 of each year. The goal of these reports is to provide school and material, allowing consumers to make educated decisions regarding any potential health risks pertaining to the quality, treatment and management of their drinking water supply.

Infants and children are especially vulnerable to lead exposure. Biological contaminants like E. coli, radioactive contaminants, synthetic organic and inorganic chemicals including pesticides and herbicides, volatile organic contaminants found in discharge from chemical factories, and inorganic contaminants like copper, mercury and lead.

Additionally, in the state of New Jersey, those municipalities are required to be posted on the Drinking Water Watchdogs of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection website.

The results

Overall, the most recent testing results from the water systems used within the coverage area for The Sparta Independent show

a low level of lead. According to the EPA, the Action Level for lead — the concentration of lead contaminant that if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements — is 15 ug/L.

The highest level of lead was found in the Sparta Township Utility Highlands system, with 4 ug/L, which is still low. The lowest level was found in the Sparta Township Water Utility Sunset Lake system, with 1 ug/L.

As explained in the Consumer Confidence Reports, lead gets into water via the corrosion of household plumbing systems or the erosion of natural deposits.

Overall, Sussex County hasn’t had a problem with elevated lead levels, according to Seibold, but when elevated levels do periodically appear as in older homes where lead pipes were used and/or leaded solder was used to put the pipes together.

“Back in the day, when they put the pipes together, they used leaded solder, and when they actually brought the water into the house in some of these public water supplies, they used a lead pipe to bring the water to the house, so the water did have contact with lead and therefore have the ability to pick up lead,” Seibold explained.

In older towns in Sussex County, such as Franklin and Newton, he added, elevated lead levels have been seen. According to the EPA, homes built before 1986 have a higher likelihood of having lead pipes, fixtures, and solder.

Private wells

Elevated levels of lead have also been found in water on properties where a private well is used, Seibold said. Many times this is due to leaded solder holding the pipes together, but some times it can be environmental.

With regard to private well testing, it’s really up to the homeowner. The only time required by law for private wells to be tested is when a home is being purchased,

Total Confirmed Blood Lead Levels of 10 ug/dL in children tested in New Jersey 2010-2014

Sussex County 0.3%

Surrounding counties:
Bergen County 0.3%
Morris County 0.3%
Passaic County 0.5%

Counties with the highest percentages:
Camden County 1.2%
Salem County 1.4%

PREVENTING LEAD POISONING

Simple, low-cost ideas parents can take to reduce their children’s lead exposure, according to the New Jersey Department of Health:

■ Have children wash their hands frequently, especially before eating, after playing outside or on the floor, and before sleeping.



■ Wash toys and other objects young children handle and put in their mouths frequently.

■ Have everyone take off their shoes and leave them at the entrance to the home.



■ Keep children away from bare soil when playing outdoors.

■ Offer children a nutritious diet high in iron such as eggs, lean red meat, and beans. Offer children foods high in calcium such as dairy products (milk, yogurt, cheese).

■ Clean floors and windowsills at least weekly by using a damp mop or sponge and detergent.

■ Know if any paint has lead before undertaking any renovations or remodeling projects.

■ Remove leaded paint using special procedures called lead-safe work practices or by hiring a contractor that is certified by the EPA to perform renovations in homes built before 1978.



■ Use only cold tap water to prepare formula, for drinking and cooking.

■ Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.

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Erika Norton

chosen, under the New Jersey Private Well Testing Act.

According to Seibold, once someone is in the home, they’re not required to test their drinking water on an annual basis for any parameter. However, even though it is not required, he does recommend certain times when homeowners should test their private well water.

“Certainly if you’re having work done on your yard or on the plumbing in your house, because for no other reason, you’ve opened up the system and the potential exists for contamination at that point — bacterial contamination as well as lead and those values,” Seibold said. “In general, it’s probably not a bad idea to test your home on an annual basis if you have a private well.”

Those annual tests should at least assess the basics, according to Seibold. This includes lead, pH, bacteria, and nitrates.

“It would give you a general idea of how good your water is and then certainly if you have a problem, then you can look for them,” he said.

Blood lead levels in children

The recent lead in water can be so dangerous to become according to the EPA, infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the Action Level could experience delays in their

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From G-strings to Grammy-winners



From left, Steve Van Zandt, Bruce Springsteen and Eric Clapton in their New York City recording studio. Photo by [unreadable]

The Showplace marks its 'unofficial' 40th anniversary

BY STEVE GARDNER Reporting on the 40th anniversary of the Showplace, a venue that has become a landmark in the music industry. The article discusses the venue's history, its role in the local music scene, and the challenges it has faced over the years. It mentions the venue's reopening and the efforts to preserve its legacy.



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Man blames cigarette for fatal crash on Route 80

2015 Rockaway Twp. accident killed family

PROFITABLE A man in a lawsuit claims that a cigarette caused a fatal car crash on Route 80 in Rockaway Township in 2015. The article details the accident, the lawsuit, and the man's claim that the cigarette was the cause of the crash. It also mentions the man's family and the impact of the accident.



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How Morris bartenders pick craft beer lists

MICHAEL GOO Reporting on how bartenders at Morris select craft beer lists. The article discusses the criteria used by bartenders to choose beers, including factors like local production, flavor profiles, and seasonal availability. It also mentions the importance of customer preferences and the role of bartenders in educating patrons about craft beer.

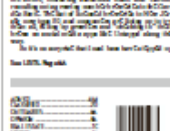


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HEADLINE: Trump's name officially exiting a beleaguered Atlantic City

By WAYNE PARRY
ASSOCIATED PRESS
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For years in this seaside gambling resort, Donald Trump's name and face seemed to be everywhere — in neon letters across the facades of three casinos, on billboards, and in ads on the side of shuttle buses.

But the man who is now the Republican presidential nominee has been mostly gone from Atlantic City since 2009, when a well-publicized decline was starting its third year. And early Monday, the last vestige of Donald J. Trump will vanish from Atlantic City when the new owner of the Trump Taj Mahal casino shuts it down.

"Atlantic City was a great period for me," Trump told The Associated Press in an interview last week. "Those were good years, before you had all the competition and all the problems. I had a 10-year stint that was unbelievable."

Trump's business record in Atlantic City was [mixed](#). His casinos took in tons of money. But they were so thoroughly laden with debt that it led to four bankruptcies under his watch, and one more after he was gone.

He grew somewhat wistful while discussing the impending demise of the last of his onetime casino empire. Carl Icahn, the billionaire investor and Trump friend who owns the casino, and Atlantic City's main casino workers' union were unable to reach a deal to restore union workers' health insurance and pension benefits that were terminated in its most recent bankruptcy. The casino will shut down at 6 a.m. Monday.

"I'm very sad that they weren't able to reach a deal," Trump said. "It's very sad to me. I felt they should have been able to make a deal."

Though he hasn't owned the casino in years, having lost control to bond holders in a previous bankruptcy, Trump said he will demand that the Taj Mahal remove his name from its facade once it closes. He sued to force the Trump Plaza casino to remove his name after it closed two years ago, arguing that it hurt his personal brand to have his name on a closed, run-down structure.

(His Democratic opponent, Hillary Clinton, held a [rally](#) in July outside the shuttered Trump Plaza, with dirt and grime still spelling out the name "TRUMP" where red neon letters once glowed.)

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Playing their hand

Atlantic City casinos look to future in face of growing competition

BY CRISSA SHOEMAKER DEBREE

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Road built marina, broke neighborhood



Mar 2013 Construction underway on the Atlantic City Expressway Connector which links the heart of the city to the new marina. The project is a \$1.2-billion, 1.5-mile-long road that will connect the city to the new marina. The project is a \$1.2-billion, 1.5-mile-long road that will connect the city to the new marina.

Project allowed for rise of city's most profitable casino

NICHOLAS HUBA
Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY — When Gov. Chris Christie signed the Atlantic City Expressway Connector bill in 2010, he was aware of the potential for a new marina. The project is a \$1.2-billion, 1.5-mile-long road that will connect the city to the new marina.



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Ferry terminal hosts agencies seeking to expand drones' horizons

NICHOLAS HUBA
Staff Writer

LONGER TOMORROW — As a large construction project nears completion at the Cape May County Ferry Building, a new agency is looking to expand its operations. The agency is looking to expand its operations.



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South Bergen towns weigh in on affordable housing obligations

BY NICK COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

As New Jersey municipalities and officials begin to craft their affordable housing plans, it's unclear how local towns, counties and state agencies will coordinate their efforts, according to a report released by the South Bergen County Board of Cooperative Community Services (COBS) last week.

A report coordinated by a working group on behalf of at least 10 South Bergen municipalities and the county's "affordable housing" committee, the report was released on Dec. 30, 2015.

The report, titled "Affordable Housing Study," outlines the challenges and opportunities for municipalities in the county to meet their obligations under the state's Affordable Housing Act.

The report also outlines the need for a coordinated effort between municipalities and the county to address the challenges of affordable housing.

It notes that the state's Affordable Housing Act requires municipalities to set a goal for the number of affordable units to be constructed in their communities by 2020.

The report also notes that municipalities are facing a number of challenges in meeting their obligations, including a lack of funding, a shortage of land, and a lack of political will.

The report concludes that municipalities need to work together to address these challenges and to ensure that they are meeting their obligations under the state's Affordable Housing Act.



Town looks to redevelop blighted area near train station

BY NICK COLEMAN
STAFF WRITER

Aspen Place, and half a block north of Union Avenue (near the train station), formerly the site of a parking lot, is being redeveloped into a residential development, according to a report released by the county's Board of Cooperative Community Services (COBS) last week.

The report, titled "Redevelopment Study," outlines the challenges and opportunities for the town in redeveloping the area.

The report also notes that the town is facing a number of challenges in redeveloping the area, including a lack of funding, a shortage of land, and a lack of political will.

The report concludes that the town needs to work together to address these challenges and to ensure that it is redeveloping the area in a way that meets the needs of the community.



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want quieter neighbors

Many University students in North Bergen are complaining about the noise and late-night parties that come with living in student apartments. Residents are asking for quieter neighbors and better enforcement of noise ordinances.



MOM
seeks signage to slow area traffic

A North Bergen resident is asking for a 'Parade Child Area' sign to be placed on a residential street to slow down traffic during the annual parade. The sign is a yellow diamond with a black border and the words 'PARADE CHILD AREA' in black text.

Meghan Grant Staff Writer

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CEAR GROVE FOOTBALL Longtime coach won't return next season Lawyer believes decision is based on court complaint; school officials disagree



Coach Mellich will not return to coach the Cedar Grove boys' football team next season. In 2016, Mellich coached 20 years with the team.

BY JACOB LEVITSKY
Special to NJ.com

Coach Mellich will not return to coach the Cedar Grove boys' football team next season, according to a lawyer who filed a lawsuit on his behalf.

Mellich, who coached the team for 20 years, was informed of the decision by the school board on Tuesday. The school board's decision was based on a court complaint filed by the school board's attorney, according to the lawyer.

Mellich's lawyer, Robert J. ...

POLICE DEPARTMENT Residents warned about scammers

BY JACOB LEVITSKY
Special to NJ.com

Residents of Cedar Grove and Verona are being warned to take caution when answering unknown numbers.

The warning comes after a series of scam calls were reported to the police department.

The scam calls typically involve a caller claiming to be from a government agency or a local business, and asking for personal information.

Police officers are advising residents to hang up if they receive such calls, and to report any suspicious activity to the police.

Continuing the tradition



Following a tradition that's more than a decade in the making, the Strawn, Lankau and Gadey families pitch in to help as the Allida banner is planted at Church of the Holy Spirit on Gould Street on Ash Wednesday. The children will unearth the banner on Easter Sunday.

VERONA Pool fees will increase this year New hedge system aimed at reducing those who sneak in

BY JACOB LEVITSKY
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In balance things out, the board will raise the fee for the pool this year.

The board of directors of the Verona Community Pool is set to meet on Tuesday to discuss the proposed fee increase.

The board is also considering a new hedge system to prevent people from sneaking into the pool without paying.

The new hedge system is expected to be installed by the end of the year.

BASBALL Home field not yet determined for team

BY JACOB LEVITSKY
Special to NJ.com

Cedar Grove officials are trying to figure out where to build a new baseball field.

The town board is currently reviewing several potential sites for a new baseball field.

The field is expected to be built in the next few years.

The town board will make a final decision on the location of the field in the coming months.

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Lawyer Accused of Soliciting Sex From Clients Found Dead

By Michael Booth

A New Jersey attorney suspected of offering female clients a reduced price for legal services in exchange for sex has apparently committed suicide, five days after he was arrested for criminal sexual contact, according to authorities.

Kazian told Richard Schaback's body was found in his car outside his office on Route 202, dead of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to a press release from the office of Somerset County Prosecutor Geoffrey Scrima.

The press release said Schaback was pronounced dead at 8:35 a.m. on Feb. 2.

An investigation into Schaback's activities began in December when

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Post-Bench Work Means Walking an Ethical Line



PATRICIA COSTELLO

By David Gialanella

A number of well-known jurists in New Jersey have retired and taken up alternative dispute resolution practice in recent years, but it's far from a new phenomenon.

What has evolved is the ethical landscape in which such transitions occur, in a profession that's highly sensitive to conflicts—and in a jurisdiction that's particularly sensitive—it appears that career planning is done with delicacy.

Or at least it should be, practitioners said.

"I think a judge planning his or her retirement or transition to a firm... it might appear inappropriate," said

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Jury Awards \$500 After Lawyer Bounced for Coaching Witness



PHILADELPHIA BEHALFMENT

By Charles Teetzel

The lead plaintiff's attorney in a suit over a 2012 train derailment and chemical leak in Philadelphia was rebuffed off the case critical after he was accused of coaching his client's testimony.

U.S. District Judge Robert Kapler of the District of New Jersey told attorney Mark Cuker, of Wallace, Cuker & Bernofsky in Philadelphia, to leave the courtroom Jan. 28 after he conceded that he told his client he would touch his eyeglasses if she began to rattle while on the witness stand, according to the trial transcript.

Kapler denied a motion for a mistrial by defendant Corral and the trial

proceeded. But while the jury ultimately found Corral negligent, it awarded plaintiff Ronald Morris only \$500 in damages Feb. 2 for the injuries he claimed to have suffered from exposure to clouds of vinyl chloride.

Cuker's instructions to his client—Kristina Pichel, Morris' wife and co-plaintiff—took place in the courtroom during a break in the trial and were overheard by a paralegal for defense counsel in the case, according to the transcript.

The paralegal, Carrie Wolf, reported the exchanges between Cuker and Pichel to Corral's lawyer, David D'Amico of

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Judge Reprimanded for Involvement in Divorce Case

By Michael Booth

The New Jersey Supreme Court on Feb. 3 reprimanded a municipal judge for agreeing to represent a woman in a divorce case after previously presiding over a similar harassment complaint the woman and her husband had filed against each other.

In an order, the court said it agreed with an Advisory Committee on Judicial Conduct that Jefferson Township, Morris County, Municipal Court Judge C. William Howley Jr. violated four canons of the Code of Judicial Conduct, decided on June 15. His attorney Gerard Hazden of Hazden Dean Robinson

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IN THEIR OPINION

Snow a perennial test for mayors

There's something wicked that may have come — particular for local elected officials. Weather forecasters have been saying a winter nor'easter was expected to hit New Jersey this weekend and that we could expect anywhere from 3 to 12 inches of snow in our neighborhoods. Of course, we've been fooled before.



SNOW BURIES a fire hydrant in Jersey City on March 5, 2015.

The political ramifications of a snowstorm are not measured by the depth of the white stuff — but rather by how well and quickly it is removed. If you can't get to your car on the street or even walk to a bus stop, the most convenient person to blame is the mayor — followed by your local governing body representative.

Naturally everyone points out how quickly their mayor's street is cleared before anyone else's roads see a plow truck. Those who live on the side streets know it's doomsday; you're an afterthought in the great DPW scheme of things.

The last time this columnist reviewed the effect of a blizzard on any administration was when a blast of white translated the county during the last week of 2010. While Jersey City received some criticism, the most

helpless municipality was Hoboken. There, the opposition charged a fledgling administration with inefficiency while the mayor's backers blamed Mother Nature.

At least the Mayor Dawn Zimmerman sought help from fellow Democratic Party administrations, in a lesson well-learned for future bouts with the weather.

When the skies grow dark, you gotta know how to play it. Former Hoboken Mayor Anthony Russo was applauded by locals when he closed city borders to outside traffic during the clean up of a 1996 snow storm. When Weehawken Mayor Richard Turner went to the shared border with Hoboken to protest, he was nearly arrested but saved by his own cops.

In that same storm, then Harrison Mayor Raymond McDonough was photographed with a snow-melting machine in an attempt to deflect expected complaints. Traditionally a ra-

City Mayor Brian Stack like several mayors before him, is often photographed on snow fighting equipment. The difference is, he actually works through the night.

In 2011, new Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel knew the political importance of being on top of a snowstorm. As the Economist chronicled, Emanuel prepared a plan for the winter storms in the summer. The Second City even had GPS-equipped plow trucks so residents could see on a website where the streets were being cleared. Actually, it's a neat idea for Hudson County.

While the media has been trumpeting the snowy end of the world, there's a sense in Jersey City that folks are not too concerned. At a meeting of 20 or so Central Avenue shopkeepers and residents Wednesday night, they expressed the opinion that the accumulation will probably fall short of expectations.

Journal Square Councilman Richard Boggiano, who was at the session, said, "The feeling is that whatever happens they'll deal with it."

Boggiano believes the administration is prepared for the snow fall. Probably, but there can never be an excuse. As one observer told me back in the storm of 1996, "Politicians can say the snowstorms are an act of God. That's fine, but it doesn't mean the streets are clear."

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By missing funeral, Christie is a sellout to Trump

By missing the funeral of a fallen police officer, Gov. Christie is a sellout to Donald Trump, says a columnist in the *Burlington County Times*. The article, titled "By missing funeral, Christie is a sellout to Trump," was published on the newspaper's website on March 17, 2017. The columnist, who is not named, writes that Christie's absence from the funeral of Officer Thomas James Collins, a 34-year-old police officer who was killed in the line of duty, is a clear sign of his support for Donald Trump. The columnist argues that Christie's actions are a betrayal of the values that Collins stood for and that they show that Christie is more concerned with pleasing Trump than with honoring the fallen officer. The article also mentions that Christie's absence from the funeral was a disappointment to many in the community, including Collins' family and friends.

Report: Homeless using more services in Burlington County

The data shows that in 2015, 932 households of 1,177 people were placed in transitional or emergency housing, a 21 percent increase from 614 households of 718 people in 2014.

The report was compiled by the Homeless Response Information System, which is a data collection system used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The data shows that in 2015, 932 households of 1,177 people were placed in transitional or emergency housing, a 21 percent increase from 614 households of 718 people in 2014. The report also shows that the number of people in transitional or emergency housing increased by 17 percent, from 1,177 people in 2014 to 1,367 people in 2015. The report also shows that the number of people in transitional or emergency housing increased by 17 percent, from 1,177 people in 2014 to 1,367 people in 2015. The report also shows that the number of people in transitional or emergency housing increased by 17 percent, from 1,177 people in 2014 to 1,367 people in 2015.

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Hospital sued for tax payments

BY JEFF WASSERMAN
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World's largest food processor is challenging the lawsuit since it was filed in the state of New Jersey, where the hospital is based. The lawsuit is the latest in a series of legal battles between the two entities.

N. Bergen dispute is latest in statewide trend

Lawyers for the hospital and the state are vying to determine which state has the right to sue. The lawsuit is the latest in a series of legal battles between the two entities.

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Changing faces of Facebook: 'Like' it or get 'angry'

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IRAN DEAL ANGERS VICTIMS' FAMILIES



Arlene Duter, mother of her daughter's partner of 10 years, sits in front of the mural at the New York City Public Library.

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Leaders look for knockout punches

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Family member 'returns' home to Kingsland Manor Descendants loan oil painting and other heirlooms to Nutley's historical site

BY HASIME KUKAJ
Staff Writer

After traveling more than 1,800 miles from Lakewood, Colo., to Nutley, an oil portrait of late Nutley resident Richard Kingsland will be unveiled Sunday at Kingsland Manor.

Richard Kingsland was born at the manor in 1818. He and his wife were the grandson of Joseph Kingsland III. Together, they were partners in a Nutley paper business, according to the historical site's representatives. He also lived in Clifton for a short time.

He was married to Sarah Meyers Fogg in 1846 and had four children, Sarah Ann, Martha A., Joseph Hager and Annie. According to the manor, the painting traveled with Joseph Hager and his children to West Virginia, California and Colorado. The date of the painting and the artist are unknown.

The art arrived on loan in Nutley in early August, after an anonymous donor paid close to \$500 to have it properly packed and shipped.

"Someone snapped up [and] thought it was a cool idea," Kingsland Manor Vice President Leon Khan said.

Peter to the loan, the Kingsland

Restoration Trust announced that it was raising about \$500 to ship the painting to its new home. "It was the manor's refurbished portrait."

"I'm stilled to have anything that the Kingslands' owned return to the manor," Khan said. Kingsland's descendants informed the manor of the painting's existence.

"They contacted us over a year ago, and we were going back and forth on how to bring the painting in [to the manor]," said Khan, a Clifton resident.

"We were really very happy to get it," Kingsland Manor President Dorothy Greengrove said, noting the painting has been "in hiding."

According to Greengrove, the Kingsland family had mentioned they may visit Nutley, however, that never happened.

Colorado visit
Two manor members, Jamie Bevec and Jaime Molinaro, went on vacation to Colorado, to visit family. "It was easier to be in just work out so nicely," Bevec said.

During their visit, they met Dianne Kingsland, a direct descendant of Richard Kingsland. She told them that the painting had been in the family for years.

"Dianne was lovely. She

showed us all kinds of family pictures and described to us who everybody was," Bevec said. "She was very generous and very happy to loan the [items] to the manor."

Dianne Kingsland is married to Richard Kingsland Jr. Dianne told the Sun that the painting was passed down to her husband in his father's will. "The painting was in my in-law's house forever," she said.

Her husband suggested to Dianne about loaning the painting to the manor.

In addition to the painting, smaller antique items are also being loaned, including a black, wall-stand mirror, some dishes and an old gun with a powder horn inscribed with the year 1775.

"I'm excited that [the painting] has a place," Dianne said, adding she only requested that pictures be sent to her when the painting is in place.

According to Terry Kist, Kingsland Manor's corresponding secretary, the painting's arrival was "very good timing," as water damage repairs were up.

The painting is scheduled to be unveiled at 2 p.m. Sunday during an open house from 1 to 4 p.m.



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An oil portrait of the late Richard Kingsland will be unveiled Sunday at the Kingsland Manor.

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*For Original Music, Biggest
Challenge Is Finding a Home*

Victoria Ford
Writer

Hear, Here: in Need of a Hand For Original Music, Biggest Challenge Is Finding a Home

By VICTORIA FORD

The local original music "scene" (as it were) is alive, but not necessarily well. The talent is considerable but afloat. That the consensus among participants and appreciators, anyway. As a somewhat fractional subculture, obscured by the cover-band-dominated nightclub that is Long Beach Island's major entertainment venue, local original music has written, played and supported, but hasn't received quite enough of any, and they aren't all on the same page — not to mention a dearth of venues willing and able to take a chance on original music to make an actual "scene" thrive.

From Tuckerton to Lacey Township, certain "hot spots" are there for those who know where to look. What the participants all seem to share is a year for the night catalyst for a widespread cultural awakening.

Interestingly positioned with a hand in both worlds is Matt Rock of the Mystic Island section of Little Jigg Harbor Township, who plays guitar in the cover-band local band, He also fronts an original project called The Dreadful Sea. Besides, a folk-punk trio (folk, guitar and vocals), Jesse White, bass; Joey Provino, drums; plus occasional mandolin, fiddle (and horns), booked all summer both locally and elsewhere — at the Tuckerton Beach Grille, Daddy O's Tuckerton, The Duckmarkt, Flanahan, Ashbury Park's The Sidel and Woodstock, and Atlantic City's The Honeyard and La Grande Princesse.

Roth's record label is Dead Bunny Records, with a focus on new-age roots music (think country, blues and bluegrass with a rock and punk twist), representing 10 bands from all over the country, from California and Colorado to Texas and Mississippi and closer to home.

Roth finds the void in Southern Ocean County where an original music scene should be, and finds it frustrating — not for lack of original artists, but rather "no one is putting forth too much effort to further it, better our local scene." The personality hopes to see the scene and encourage others to do the same. Showcasing and open mic nights could lead to a venue's commitment to house and foster an original music movement.

A few of the key local players Roth called on are Matt Fisher of Studio Mike, Phil Adams of Tall Tale of a Wooden Key, and Brandon Walsh of video music outlet Oak Leaf Media and Two River Pictures.

"Also Jimmy Hogan (who has a self-named band) has a great open mic night every Thursday from 7 to 11 p.m. at Tuckerton Beach Grille that heavily encourages original music," he added. Hogan added Frank Shroy to the list of hardworking, local original acts. Jimmy Forest is another.

Hogan has created the open mic night for about two years and just last week enhanced the stage area with a painted mural of a night sky as a backdrop. The goal was to give artists a place to make it more recognizable, such that musicians would see it in

a picture or video posted on social media and be drawn to it. "It's that, I want to make it a venue," he said.

The first Thursday of each month is a designated Songwriters Showcase, which draws an enthusiastic crowd. "I seek out a lot of artists, or they find me," he said.

Still, Hogan's feelings on how well the message is spread are mixed. "Is there a local original scene? I'd like to say yes, but my opinion is that there is only a whisper of one," he said. "A lot of local talent remains unknown simply because the musicians aren't putting themselves out there, he noted, but a name to watch is 17-year-old Stefan Moon.

The importance of original music, in Hogan's view, lies in preserving the art form and continuing the opportunity "to listen to someone sing their own mind, or heart, or soul. That self-expression is sacred and beautiful, or at least intriguing. People are fascinating. Music is an art."

The main problem, as he sees it, is a shortage of outlets providing the means to play original songs to a crowd that actually "wants to hear them. What many working musicians do to make them into the sale — "put their names between your covers. No problem there."

But he's optimistic. "I'd like to see a new dedicated institution to organize some strictly original music events, maybe a festival, he said but "I see a brighter path there. I've seen it grow so much just in the three years I've been around" since the days when Sleepy Hollow Pub in Wild Creek was the place for Thursday night jams.

The generosity of restaurant and bar owners, he added, such as the Grille's former Robles and coverage by local media go a long way toward building the original-music relation.

Roth expressed a little more disappointment with the struggle. While many out there claim to want to support original music, he wonders, "What is the evidence? Who will come forward and offer a space for local music to grow? Why is original music plentiful in Ashbury Park and Atlantic City but not on our coast? And as he's concerned, the potential to have an entertainment and nightlife locale.

Maybe with enough word-of-mouth and popular demand, we can get some of our local venues to come forth to push the original music here in our area," he said.

Local Exposure
At Little Rock
The Little Rock Music Room in Tuckerton, which opened in July 2014, brings to town blues, country, bluegrass, folk, rock, Americana, singer-songwriter and other acts from elsewhere, but in Roth's experience, "if you try to play them, they want you to sell a minimum number of overpriced tickets." It's a common problem in New Jersey, he said.

Another issue he has run into time and again is venue owners don't want to hold a consistently covered original music with something fresh and different to offer. (Think top) Pappy Grotzke takes the music to the level of "performance art"; Rose Lane, 16, showcases her raw natural talent and creative lyrics copy up and warmly provide their undivided attention. The show is broadcast live online from 40 Foot Hole Studios.



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NEW TO FORD: Murray Grove Retreat and Renewal Center hosts Music City events on Sunday nights in an effort to build a consistently covered original music with something fresh and different to offer. (Clock top) Pappy Grotzke takes the music to the level of "performance art"; Rose Lane, 16, showcases her raw natural talent and creative lyrics copy up and warmly provide their undivided attention. The show is broadcast live online from 40 Foot Hole Studios.

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Sean Quinn
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Unauthorized SHP work approved after the fact Zoning Board approves amendments to Seton Hall Prep expansion plan after work is done without permission

By Sean Quinn
Staff Writer

The West Orange Zoning Board approved 19 amendments to the site plan of Seton Hall Preparatory School's Kelly Athletic Complex expansion during its July 21 meeting, although some of the work had already been completed without its consent.

The board voted 6-1 to pass all of the amendments to a concept for two — the relocation of the batting cages and the shot put area, two of the projects that had already been done — with Vice Chairman Bruce Raschler being the sole vote against them. It then voted 4-3 to pass the other two changes, with Raschler, William Steinhauf and Mark Susanna dissenting.

The decisions came after a debate among the board members as to whether they should go along with SHP's requested changes when the school had already not followed the plan approved by the zoning board in 2010. Though only the zoning department has the authority to penalize those who go against board members' decisions through court action, Raschler said he believed that the board

had to send a message that acting without its permission would not be tolerated. Otherwise, he said Seton Hall Prep's unauthorized work could set a dangerous precedent for others who may wish to change site plans as they go.

"If we don't draw a line," Raschler said, "then we're basically saying 'Go ahead and do it. There's no need to tell us. Have a field day.'"

But Zoning Board Chairman Philip Nemer disagreed that taking such action was appropriate. He did acknowledge that he would prefer to see the municipal code rule on violations cases before they are brought before the Zoning Board rather than the other way around. And he said he regrets that the township's actions, referring to the fact that the township granted approval for work related to the batting cages and shot put area in violation of the Zoning Board's consent. But in the end, the chairman said the board's responsibility is only to decide on the merits of a plan.

"The review of this application has nothing to do with the fact that it's been built," Nemer said. "The question is: Is there a reason why the batting cages are more efficient or

work better here, why the shot put area is more efficient or work better here? Would we have approved that? And I unambiguously say 'yes.' I would have approved it, and I think we all would have approved it."

Manager Michael Kelly, president of Seton Hall Prep, said he is "absolutely thrilled" that the board ruled in favor of the modifications. Now that the changes, which include covering the stadium field from grass to synthetic turf and the installation of a new scoreboard, have been passed, Kelly said the school can finally move toward completing the complex expansion. He said that the two major projects left are the field conversion and the construction of the bleachers; SHP will apply for building permits for those soon. Seton Hall Prep hopes to have all work done by mid-fall, the manager said.

"That is good news for students, who will be able to use the stadium field for football, soccer and lacrosse once it is completed. Kelly said the school's baseball fields and tennis courts are already being used to rave reviews. And he looks forward to finally being able to offer the rest of the expanded

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Exhibit shows that art is a family affair for W.O.'s Cardens

By Sean Quinn
Staff Writer

Most family members have a lot in common — a striking resemblance, similar mannerisms, a distinctive laugh — but Jan and Jann Carden's familial connection goes much deeper. Indeed, the West Orange husband and wife both come from long lines of talented artists who left behind a rich history of paintings, drawings and other creative works dating back to the early 1900s.

It is an unusual legacy for sure, made even more unique by the fact that the Cardens have actually saved the diverse range of art that their loved ones produced during the past several generations. Now, for the first time, they are displaying their collection publicly in the new exhibit "The Cardens: One Hundred Years of a Family's Art" at the West Orange Arts Council gallery through Aug. 27. And the couple hopes residents will check out the show, even if it is only to experience the rare feat of a century's worth of art from one combined lineage.

"The older I get, the more I'm in awe of the fact that this is something that is so incredibly special," Mrs. Jann Carden, who has created art for major department stores, the U.S. Navy and "Seaside Street," told the West Orange Chronicle in a July 21 phone interview. "It's out of the ordinary. You don't often have whole families going on excursions doing the same thing and some-

thing that's beautiful and something that's creative."

The exhibit consists of approximately 60 pieces spanning the landscapes of Mr. Jan Carden's great aunt Virginia Hare to the children's book covers designed by Margery Brown, Mrs. Carden's mother, to the couple's own works. Yet they allow show represent only half the Cardens' complete collection, which typically hangs on the walls of their house. In fact, the Carden house is so bursting with art that they did not even realize they had some of the pieces now hanging in the WOAC center. While moving an easel in her studio, Mrs. Carden, for instance, stumbled across a portfolio of art by her husband's mother, brother and grandfather.

"People sometimes say that our house is like a museum," she joked before adding that her rooms now appear "bare without the art that until recently adorned them." "I looked around this morning and said to Jan, 'It looks like we're moving.' And I thought 'OK, well I'll get out some of those 60 to 80 other pieces and put them up until the show comes down.'"

This fascination with art — one that has been handed down through the generations — certainly may seem atypical to most. But to Mr. Carden, being surrounded by creative works was never an unusual

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Photo by Sean Quinn

Jan Carden, left, and wife Jann Carden are currently being featured in a West Orange Arts Council exhibit that shows artwork made by the Cardens, their ancestors and their children.

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District prepares to test water for lead

By Maggie Katz
Staff Writer

CLIFTON — Clifton Public Schools have accepted a bid to use water sources in its buildings. The facilities committee recommended the district accept the \$15,000 bid from Garden State Environmental, the lowest of the three bids sought. Other bids included \$34,680 from Karl Environmental Group and CIA Design and Construction Services at \$35,000 to test all of the district's 229 water fountains and sinks.

The final cost could be even lower, notes the facilities manager, based on "how many water fountains require testing."

In late March, Superintendent Richard Tardito sent out notice the district would be closing all of its water fountains and sinks used for food preparation in a proactive measure pending lead testing. The announcement followed reports of several other New Jersey school districts, including Newark Public Schools, discovering lead in their schools' water supplies. As of April 1, Clifton

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Beloved pizzeria closes



Scott's Pizza shuts down with owner's retirement

By Tony Gicas
Staff Writer

CLIFTON — When Gerardo "Jerry" Scott turned the key to lock up his Delaware pizzeria for the final time, he also turned the page on the decades of exhausting work, loyal customers and a true family business.

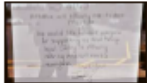
In the business moment, while his children, grandchildren and loyal employees cheered up, the moments seemed fleeting back for the 85-year-old Clifton resident.

Jerry came to the United States in 1966 from Monte di Procida, a small coastal village 10 miles west of Naples. Before he came to America, Jerry worked as a longshoreman and met the love of his life, his wife Angelina. Looking back now, a half-century later, the humble beginnings in Clifton seem further away than his native Italia.

After saving every cent he could, the "Napolitano" secured a small retail space off Main Avenue next to a new strip mall which would contain a Bedales department store and a pet shop.

Before Scott's Pizzeria even had windows, its four large pizza ovens were installed. In 1970, the Italian eatery opened for business and offered slices for 20 cents apiece. On its final day, the shop

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Past and present patrons of Scott's Pizza visit of the Delaware pizzeria one last time before it permanently shut its doors. Customers took photos with the longtime owner Jerry Scott, above and at right with Carmela Tardis, while taking stories about the eatery.



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Verdict is in: For High Point, it's a win

Wantage school captures 2016 Sussex County mock trial title

By JOE CANTANO
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WANTAGE — The verdict is in. High Point High School's Wantage School captured the 2016 Sussex County mock trial championship. The team, consisting of Wantage High School students, defeated the team from Hopewell High School in the final round of the competition. The team, consisting of Wantage High School students, defeated the team from Hopewell High School in the final round of the competition. The team, consisting of Wantage High School students, defeated the team from Hopewell High School in the final round of the competition.



High Point's County Superior, right, attorney for the plaintiff, before testimony on Hopewell's Justin McCarthy for the prosecution, in a courtroom during the 2016 Sussex County mock trial competition held at Hopewell County Superior Court on Thursday night.

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Hopewell's Melissa Eason, attorney for the defense, in the courtroom during the 2016 Sussex County mock trial competition held at Hopewell County Superior Court on Thursday night.

Byram Council ordinance would put BYOB on table

Byram Council is considering an ordinance that would allow patrons to bring their own alcoholic beverages to the town's public house. The ordinance would allow patrons to bring their own alcoholic beverages to the town's public house. The ordinance would allow patrons to bring their own alcoholic beverages to the town's public house.

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Freeholders moving ahead with probe of solar project

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Orlando

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hand. I've never told him to be "tough," but he always was. He barely cried when a dog nearly bit off his finger a few years ago or when he crashed his dirt bike and scraped most of the skin off his knees this spring. My dad said he had no fear.

When the tears rolled down his freckled cheeks in my car and the cries slipped past his clenched teeth, I felt helpless.

"Why does bad stuff always happen to me?" he asked.

This was a few days after the Orlando nightclub shooting that killed 49 people, after *The Voice* singer Christina Grimmie was shot and killed by an obsessed fan there, and an alligator lunged out of the water in Disney World and dragged a little boy down into a lake.

It was also a few days before I was supposed to take my kids to Orlando on vacation. People gave me a pained expression when I said I was going.

America's latest tragedy, like a carnival wheel, had stopped on the so-called happiest place on Earth that week, a trilogy of horror that sent the most painful news rippling out from phone to phone, from police to the people left behind, parents to sisters and loved ones and friends and on and on.

I had pointless arguments about guns with "friends" on Facebook that whole week, but on a more personal level, I couldn't stop thinking about the collective pain of all those parents. The parents of the Pulse nightclub massacre live in a country where people hated their children because of how they loved. They saw what hate can do with the help of an assault rifle. Christina Grimmie's parents probably felt a nervous joy knowing she was living a dream out in the world. Did they ever stop worrying? Could they imagine a bullet stopping her song?

The dad who fought the alligator that killed his 2-year-old son at Disney's Grand Floridian Resort hotel haunted me. I stood on the same shores years ago with my kids, on vacation, and never thought about an alligator, just as that father surely didn't. I used my credit cards to escape all my worries, to buy a little magic and forget about my mortgage.

My kids don't have it bad, despite the mishaps. They were born

a rung up the ladder, because my ex and I were born there as well. They wear nice clothes and have phones and never go hungry in their middle-class, suburban world. They are privileged in a way they don't yet understand.

They are going through a divorce, though, and that's the worst news they've gotten so far. I've told myself that millions of kids navigate the breakup just fine but worry my three will be the exceptions. That's probably why I booked another vacation I couldn't afford to a place that sold happiness.

Their mother came to say good-bye to them before we left and asked me to "keep them safe" and I said I'd try. That's all any of us can do. We hugged, briefly, and looking back, I think it was an important part of the vacation for my kids.

We laughed a lot in Orlando and got sweaty and my teenage son got sunburned because I told him to wear sunblock. We ate too much junk, argued a little, and got nauseated on most of the rides. I hugged my daughter a lot and got on her nerves. I remembered what it felt like to be a kid sometimes.

We heard about memorials for the Pulse shootings on the radio and it still dominated local news when we lay in bed at night, exhausted. There were "Orlando United" shirts for sale in our hotel and in the airport. We didn't talk about it all that much and we didn't see an alligator.

Maybe I was trying to wall them inside some magical kingdom just a little longer, even though I know it doesn't exist. I know that if I remain silent about the world outside of our vacation, my kids will hear plenty of opinions from the people I argue with on Facebook. Then I'll be arguing with them someday, wondering what went wrong.

My youngest, his belly wrapped up like a mummy for days after his burn, just wanted to swim there and I worried about chlorine, the sun, or whatever weird mutation the chlorine couldn't kill. He put on his protective stinking shirt, slathered himself in sunscreen, and paced by the pool edge while I thought it over and tested his mother back home.

We shared a few messages about how unafraid of life our little guy was and watching him splash around for hours made me wish that feeling could ripple out beyond a pool in Orlando.

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Christie 'a big tough guy' or just a bully?



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As the Legislature voted the day after the governor's announcement that the governor would allow the law to take effect on George Washington's birthday, he says he did. That was the big news.

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"Were you afraid of the governor?"
asked Bridget Anne Kelly's attorney.

"Yes," Kelly replied.



John Deering

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I asked Christie's office for comment on this, but of course they didn't respond. How do you really feel?

"We are talking about the governor of the state of New Jersey, and that is the best job in the world. Governor Christie is a great leader. We are proud to be a part of his administration. We are proud to be a part of his administration."

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Tom Moran

"Even though the media landscape is constantly changing, some of the same parenting rules apply."

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BOE apologizes for bus mix-up

Students' names, addresses were given to private company in error

KELLY NICHOLAIDES STAFF WRITER

A private bus company told the East Rutherford Board of Education (BOE) that it had accidentally given out the names and addresses of students to a private bus company. The BOE apologized for the error and said it would take steps to prevent it from happening again.



Students are waiting for the East Rutherford School District's new private bus company to arrive at school today.

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Democrats unseat GOP incumbents in Rutherford council election

MICHAEL GARDNER STAFF WRITER

The Rutherford Township Board of Education (BOE) has elected a new board of members, with Democrats unseating the GOP incumbents.

In East Rutherford, balance of council shifts to Dems for first time since 1983

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Students Phil Roberts and George Cook welcome Phil Roberts and George Cook to the new school year.

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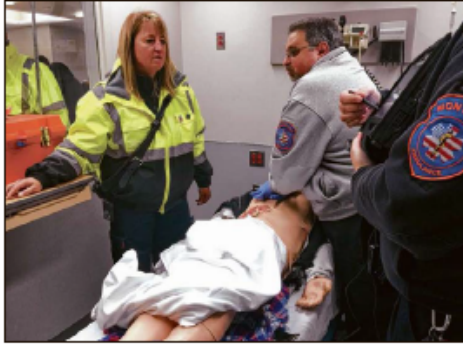
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Left, a nursing student plays an incoming bombing victim at the Mountainside emergency entrance. Above, EMTs from Glen Ridge and Montclair lend to a simulator mannequin—representing a bomb blast victim—during the “patient surge” drill. Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad member Kathy Overmeyer and Montclair Ambulance Unit member Frank Carlo apply chest compressions to the mannequin as MVAU Lt. Michael Craig monitors the mannequin’s symptoms on a hand-held tablet.

MOUNTAINSIDE

Bombing drill tests paramedics’ response to a crisis

BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

The news came in just after 9 a.m. on Friday at Hackensack-UMC Mountainside.

A bomb had gone off at a local shopping mall. The emergency department could see up to 25 blue patients.

The patients span arriving in news and stress over the next several minutes: some with shrapnel wounds, some with broken bones. One patient is in critical condition.

In a first floor conference room set up as a command center, radios crackle, and medical personnel and fire responders wait for instructions. “Come in,” “Stand by.” “Security, do you need searchers and wheelchairs at the ED?”

No one was actually injured, however, the scenes playing out in the emergency room and a first floor conference room on Friday morning were part of Mountainside’s annual “patient surge” drill.

This incident was a “Code Three Hazard” drill: any kind of catastrophic incident that had taken place outside of the hospital.

Command center
The incident command center was set up in a conference room on the first floor.

Barbara Monacci, the incident coordinator, stands at the head of the table and briefs the other personnel—hospital staff, police, fire and paramedics—on the scenario. A bomb has gone off at Willowbrook Mall. The hospital is expecting between 20 and 25 patients.

Jason Bisalati of the Glen Ridge Volunteer Ambulance Squad is in the room; other squad members are going into place outside the emergency room entrance on Highland Avenue. Capt. Sean Quinn from the Glen Ridge Police Department is also present.

In the adjoining auditorium, medical staff and ophthalmologists were summoned to the emergency room.

Michael Bonelli is in charge of Mountainside’s emergency triage—aggressive procedures. He said that past scenarios for the patient surge drill have included an Ebola outbreak, a train wreck at the Bay Street train station in Montclair, and chemical contaminant drills. And some of the drills are done in partnership with other area hospitals.

“Now the scope has expanded. It’s not just the time between who’s disturbed,” Bonelli said. The hospital just did an active shooter drill with the Glen Ridge Police Department, which involved “very realistic cops” playing the shooter, Bonelli said. “They were good. They scared everyone.”

And during Hurricane Sandy, the hospital saw 44 patients admitted.

Emergency room
The “patients” are all nursing students from the Hudson Institutional College in Haledell. Each student wears a tag around their necks describing their injuries: a

fractured wrist, shrapnel injuries chest pains, and so forth. As each one is assessed by medical staff, each student is given a triage tag with the extent of their injuries.

In a treatment room just off the main emergency room is the critical patient.

This is Jerry, a patient simulator mannequin, belonging to the Montclair Volunteer Ambulance Unit. The mannequin is able to breathe, convulse and do anything that a real, live patient would do.

MAU Lt. Michael Craig said that the squad brings Jerry out to different, less responder areas around the state for training opportunities; earlier in the week, the squad brought Jerry up to Sparta to do a training exercise with the Sparta Ambulance Squad. “It just adds that realism factor,” Craig said.

The doctors and nurses participating in the drill successfully picked up on most of Jerry’s symptoms, which included smoke inhalation, internal bleeding and a collapsed lung.

Squad members and staff come in and out of the treatment room as Craig and Frank Carlo, MAU’s deputy chief of emergency services, demonstrate the mannequin and monitor his vital signs.

“This is the coolest thing I’ve ever seen,” one hospital staffer comments. An EMT comments, “That’s the scariest thing I’ve ever seen.”

When asked afterwards for his thoughts on how the drill went, Bonelli said that he believed that it had gone well. “The cooperation, input and support of the community is an integral component of disaster response. To that end, the objective of this and all exercises is to identify both strengths and weaknesses, ultimately reinforcing the strengths and eliminating the weak points. That objective was met.”

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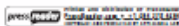
The Borough of Glen Ridge has contracted a truck to specifically pick up bagged leaves at curbside, beginning the week of Nov. 7 and terminating Dec. 28. Residents must use biodegradable bags or

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LIBRARY

Uniforms on display help tell Teaneck soldiers' stories

BY CHERYL O'BRIEN
News & Editor

More than 60 million lives were claimed by World War II, including 400,000 from the United States, 15,000 from New Jersey, and at least 98 from the Township of Teaneck. Many records chronicling soldiers' stories, achievements and tragic deaths were lost as well, gone missing over time or destroyed by fire.

For the past two years, Michael McCue, director of Teaneck Public Library has been committed to recovering information on those fallen heroes, and through careful research he has begun to fill in the gaps of dozens of veterans' histories, including how they were received, how they died, and their places of burial. McCue has identified 98 residents who died in World War II, including 50 Teaneck High School alumni. According to Township Historian Larry Hinkson, about 4,000 Teaneck residents served in total.

"Due to Teaneck High School's excellent aviation program, a significant number of those who served were in aviation roles," Hinkson said.

McCue and the reference staff at the library, including reference librarian Neil Fibich, have been working diligently to research those from Teaneck who died at war, sifting through old newspaper clippings and the library's collection of high school yearbooks to contact the docs. They also consulted ancestry.com for genealogical information.

Recently, McCue acquired two uniforms left behind by a World

War II veteran, adding a visual component to the research project.

Hanging on the wall above the door to the reference section are two of Dr. Charles Lesser Hinge Jr.'s uniforms encased behind glass, next to his photo and a brief biography. Hinge, who resided on Winthrop Avenue, served in World War II as an officer in the 100th Medical Corps. He was also promoted to first lieutenant in Teaneck.

Hinge survived a C-47 plane crash and retired from the service in 1945 at the rank of captain. He died in 2000 and was buried with military honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

McCue said the library's acquisition of the uniforms came "out of the blue," passed along by Hinge's son and daughter-in-law, who contacted the library and offered to donate them.

"It caught me at an opportune time," McCue said, so he was in the midst of researching the life stories of Teaneck veterans who died in World War II as well as World War I, Korea, Vietnam, and the Gulf War.

Although the library houses portraits of Teaneck High School alumni killed in battle, McCue thought those veterans' sacrifices warranted more than just a photo on the wall.

"I thought, you know what, that's really not good enough," he said. "To walk in and see their faces doesn't tell you anything about them."

After two years of digging, McCue said he has compiled information on hundreds of veter-



High school student Shinnie Katz looks at a uniform from World War II on display at the Teaneck Library.

CARL KURTZ/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ans. "We're down to a handful of guys whose stories elude us," he said.

A large number of records unfortunately have been lost or destroyed, including those in the 1973 fire at the United States National Personnel Records Center in Overland, Mo., making it difficult for McCue to pinpoint certain information.

McCue has remained steadfast to the project, however, and

explained he began the work because of his interest in learning about the circumstances of soldiers' deaths.

The saddest story he encountered in his research, he said, was the loss of two men from Teaneck who were held as prisoners of war in the Philippines during World War II.

As the Americans were advancing, Japan started sending POWs to Japan in unmarked ships to become laborers.

The two from Teaneck were on such a ship that was torpedoed by American submarines, McCue said, and all aboard perished.

"A real tragic story," McCue said. For more information on this project and to learn about the lives and legacies of Teaneck's World War II veterans, visit teaneck.org/veterans/war/wwii/residents.html.

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PRAYER VIGIL

Residents mourn victims of national gun violence

Community members, elected officials call for a stop to shootings across the country

BY STEPHANIE NODA
News Editor

HACKENSACK — With countless instances of gun violence occurring almost every week across the nation, the Hackensack community came together last week to mourn the victims and offer a single message: Enough is enough.

"We have lived long enough to know that what we tolerate will never change," said Pastor Gregory Jackson of Mount Olive Baptist Church during a prayer vigil on July 13.

Mount Olive Baptist Church hosted the vigil, called "A Time of Prayer and Reflection for a Nation on the Edge," which was sponsored by the Fellowship of Black Churches of Hackensack and vicinity, the Bergen County NAACP and the city of Hackensack.

People from different races and religions gathered to mourn and light a candle for the recent victims of gun violence and the fatal shootings of primarily African American men by law enforcement within the past year, including Elvin Diaz and Raymond Peralta-Lamigas of Hackensack, Kevin Allen of Lyndhurst, Alton Sterling of Baton Rouge, La., and Philando Castile of St. Paul, Minn. The vigil also paid respect to the five police officers from Dallas — Michael Smith, Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Patrick Zamarripa and Brent Thompson — who were killed during a Black Lives Matter protest that was held in response to Sterling's and Castile's deaths.

"Tonight, we know that our noble efforts cannot solve all our national problems, but we are confident that the way forward for our nation is not despite, but through hope," said Jackson. "Tonight, we light a candle of hope to pierce the darkness."

Dignitaries and leaders from



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various religious organizations, including New Hope Baptist Church of Hackensack, Bergen County Council of Churches, The Church of Saint Anthony of Padua, Islamic Center of Passaic County, Temple Emach, The Presbyterian Church of Hackensack and New Canaan Worship Center, offered their prayers throughout the night for victims, their families and for "freedom from fear."

Deputy Mayor Kathleen Casarino, who represented the mayor and council during the

event, said Hackensack should become a model for the "kind of residents the country needs" and that the country "needs to be united now more than ever."

"It is easy to be discouraged about what has happened, but we must always remain hopeful that we can overcome hate and fear and come together," said Casarino. "I see that spirit here in Hackensack everyday, a place where people come from all different backgrounds to make a stronger community."

Local law enforcers, includ-

ing Bergen County NAACP President Anthony Curzone, Hackensack Office-in-Charge Frank Aquila, Bergen County Police Chiefs Association President Frank Higgins, Bergen County Sheriff Michael Sautino and acting Bergen County Prosecutor Gunder Grewal, also attended the service to pay their respects to all the victims.

"During the service, Grewal said the tragic deaths reminded the nation 'unfortunately once again about the potential between the tension that exists between police

and members of some communities are at an all time high." The statements also reminded the public about the "tremendous dangers that police face when they protect and serve," said Grewal.

"I think it starts with a fundamental understanding that there is so much more that binds us and brings us together than divides us," said Grewal. "I share with the understanding that law enforcement is a part of the community that we serve."

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Residents mourn victims of national gun violence

Stephanie Noda

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Was religious homophobia cause of Orlando massacre? Meet the homeless in the hills of Hoboken; Undocumented students find a home at SPU
Fr. Alexander Santora
 Columnist

Life Faith

Was religious homophobia cause of Orlando massacre?

The phrase "We are Orlando" would have more meaning for me if people all over the U.S. would take to the streets and demand that our senators and congresspeople sequester themselves in the Capitol until they pass a gun control law that outlaws assault weapons.

That an unstable, amateur jihadist, even after investigation by the FBI, can legally buy such a weapon that kills

49 innocent people and wounds 53 others is an abomination. Their blood is on the hands of the NRA and the gun lobby who have perverted the

Second Amendment. We are not taking arms to form militias any more.

There are many layers to the Orlando massacre that need investigation. We live in a media-saturated world that demands answers 24/7. But the excessive coverage of the murderer's apathy in death, that he would never waver in life. Even he admitted that he admired the Boston Marathon bombers. Yet, the digging did reveal an



A HUGE crowd jams Newark Avenue in Jersey City for a vigil for the victims of the Orlando shooting. The vigil was organized by the LGBT community. At right, men hold candle at the vigil.



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aspect of this tragedy that needs discussion: religious homophobia. That is a fear of homosexuality shaped by religious association.

On homosexuality, the Koran (7:90-94) says, "For ye practice your lusts on men in preference to women: ye are indeed a people transgressing beyond bounds.... And we rained down on them a shower of brimstone." The latter refers to stoning homosexuals to death. And many of the radical Islamists kill homosexuals or even those suspected of homosexual tenden-

cies in horrible ways. The Orlando murderer had to know about these atrocities and yet he slaughtered the 49 men and women. He wasn't just casing the place but also trying to hook up. It may be that his self-loathing could only be eradicated by killing others in such a brutal way as if he were killing it in himself.

Some in the Muslim community reject the injunction that all Muslims agree with the Koran on homosexuality. In the Pew Research Center's major study of American religions in 2014, Muslims were split on homosexuality. The poll found that 45 percent of American Muslims thought homosexuality should be accepted, and 47 percent thought it should be discouraged.

That means Muslims are less accepting of homosexuality than most religious groups in the study — 66 percent of mainline Protestants, 70 percent of Catholics, and more than 80 percent of Jews and Buddhists say gay relationships should be accepted.

Muslims also believe that just

as in other religions there are writings that allow for interpretation, or "ijtihad." This opinion comes out of the experience of Muslims who have lived in or near non-Muslim societies and have had to adapt their beliefs and practices. U.S. playwright and journalist Wajahat Ali, a Muslim, called for us "to create an America where no one is hated, victimized, brutalized or murdered simply for being."

Some might call this reformation, which has been a process in Christian denominations. Two Catholic bishops issued statements after Orlando that have also taken Christianity and Catholicism to task for religious intolerance that is not only inhospitable, but dangerous, for gay men and women.

Bishop Robert Lynch of the neighboring Diocese of St. Petersburg wrote that "sadly it is religion, including our own, that targets, mostly verbally, and often breeds contempt for gays, lesbians and transgender people. Attacks today on LGBT men and women often plant the seed of contempt, then hatred, which can ultimately lead to violence."

The most comprehensive statement was made by Archbishop Blase Cupich from Chicago. "I don't think sometimes people in positions

of leadership in the church really engage gay and lesbian people and talk to them and get to know about their lives." He offered a model based on the example set by Pope Francis: encounter, accompany and integrate. "That's the template for us in our approach to people who feel excluded, whether gay and lesbian or other populations out there."

I was impressed with a group of a dozen young adults in my parish who asked to come together last week to pray "The Rosary for Peace."

Kate Callahan, of Hoboken, composed a meditation before each decade of the rosary. "49 innocent lives were lost in Orlando. They were your sons and daughters, Lord, our family and friends. We pray for those who lost their lives."

Lynch concluded, "Those women and men who were mowed down Sunday were all made in the image and likeness of God. We teach that. We should believe that. We must stand for that."



YOUNG ADULTS gather to pray the rosary for the Orlando victims at Our Lady of Grace Parish Center on June 16.

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What a little boy should know about his dad



There will be moments, great moments, when the children of the night will be the greatest. It's not the night that's the best, it's the moments that are the best.

Monday night while watching a well-known basketball game in Gloucester County, I was one of those who had the chance to see a little boy who was the son of a man who had been in the news for a long time. The boy was about 10 years old and was wearing a Gloucester County jersey. He was looking at the game with a look of awe and admiration. The man who was sitting next to him was looking at the boy with a look of pride and love. The boy was looking at the game with a look of awe and admiration. The man who was sitting next to him was looking at the boy with a look of pride and love.

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200 Club of Burlington County providing aid to trooper's family



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Proposed budget contains no tax hike

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What a little boy should know; For Evesham police officer; When it comes to mothers

Phil Gianficaro is a columnist for the Burlington County Times. He has written about various topics in the community, including local news, sports, and entertainment. He is a resident of Burlington County and has a long history of journalism.

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The tragedy of Muhammad Ali

CHRIS JORDAN

Athletes, musicians and non-political public figures don't speak out much these days. When basketball star Michael Jordan was famously asked to endorse the Democratic opponent of the famously biased incumbent Jesse Helms in the 1990 North Carolina senate race, Jordan infamously replied, "Republicans buy sneakers, too."

Muhammad Ali was different. He shook up the sports world and the rest of the world, too. He was a giant of a man who challenged society to examine itself in terms of race, religion, politics and more. In 1967, he refused induction into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, citing religious reasons.

He did not dodge the draft. He stayed in the United States and fought it head on, facing a lengthy prison sentence and losing more than three prime years of boxing. "I ain't got no quarrel with those Vietcong," Ali famously said.

Ali had conviction. He also was ahead of his time. Most people now feel America's involvement in the Vietnam War was a mistake. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed, on technical grounds, that Ali's claim of conscientious objector status had merit.

Ali won. In the 1970s, Ali continued to speak out on moral issues, seeking to correct things when America strayed from its original path. His profile as the country's most famous citizen, and most famous Muslim, grew, and he was an inspiration to the downtrodden all over the world.

Ali could be engaging, sly, heroic, gallant or insightful, depending on what the situation called for. He starred on TV, the movies, cartoons, on records, in interviews and even comic books, forwarding the Ali mystic to greater heights each time.

But a few short years after his final fight, Ali was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 1984. It affected his ability to speak, and effectively, his ability to join in the public discourse.



The world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, shown in London.

He spoke out following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"People says Muslim caused this destruction. I am angry that the world sees a certain group of Islam followers who caused this destruction, but they are not real Muslims," Ali said. "They are racist fanatics who call themselves Muslims, permitting the murder of thousands."

More recently, he took on Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's call to ban Muslims from entering the United States.

"Speaking as someone who has never been accused of political correctness, I believe that our political leaders should use their position to bring understanding about the religion of Islam and clarify that these misguided murderers have perverted people's views on what Islam really is," Ali said. "I am a Muslim, and there is nothing Islamic about killing innocent people in Paris, San Berna-

dino, or anywhere else in the world. True Muslims know that the ruthless violence of so called Islamic Jihadists goes against the very tenets of our religion."

Yet, these statements lacked the punch of Ali actually speaking them. These recent years, we need a healthy Ali more than ever.

His voice, as amplified by social media, would have been heard in Ferguson, Baltimore, North Charleston and anywhere else our country confronts its original sin of racism.

That voice would have been heard clearly in this era of American political turbulence, and it would have been heard in the troubled Middle East. Who would be better to face down ISIS than a real Muslim hero, Muhammad Ali?

Ali left us on June 3 at the age of 74. But the tragedy is, his voice left us long before that.

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TODAY'S ANSWERS



WORD SLEUTH

Friday's unlisted clue: SUNDOWN

TODAY'S DEFINITION: MARRIAGE IS NOT A NOUN. IT'S A VERB. IT ISN'T SOMETHING YOU GET. IT'S SOMETHING YOU DO. IT'S THE WAY YOU LOVE YOUR PARTNER EVERY DAY. —BARBARA DEANGELIS

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A king among kings; No, the Beatles did not film 'Help' in Asbury; The tragedy of Muhammad Ali

Chris Jordan

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A recent visit to a community garden in Edison is being used to help the school's environmental study program.

Pledging Support To Local Farms Comes With Benefits

Community Supported Agriculture Gives Consumers Direct Access To Fresh Produce

By Gretchen C. Van Benthuysen

BOB LAURINO WAS HAPPY to see the "Two River Times" article about the local farms. He had been reading the paper for years and was glad to see the article about the local farms.



A group of community garden members share their produce with the school.

"What I love about going to the farm is that I can see where my food is coming from," says Bob. "It's so nice to see the farmers who are growing the food that we eat. It's so much better than going to the grocery store and buying produce that's been shipped in from somewhere else."

Bob is one of the many people who are joining the local farms. He is a member of the community garden and is helping to grow the food that he and his family eat. He is also helping to educate his children about where their food comes from.

Route 35 'Village' Proposal Goes Before Middletown Planning Board

Meeting Scheduled for June 1

By Joseph D'Agostino

MIDDLETOWN — As the town's Planning Board is about to begin its work on the Route 35 'Village' proposal, the town is looking for ways to improve the area. The town is looking for ways to improve the area by creating a more vibrant and walkable community. The town is looking for ways to improve the area by creating a more vibrant and walkable community.

Members-Only Cigar Lounge Envisioned For Downtown Red Bank

By John B. Rizzo

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Story and Photos by Jay Cook

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BY CHRISTOPHER NEELY
THURSDAY

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Wall school budget to result in tax hike

Average annual tax bill would rise by \$134 under plan

BY CHRISTOPHER NEELY
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The Wall School District's proposed budget for the next fiscal year would result in an average annual tax increase of \$134 for a family with two children, according to a report released by the state Department of Education.

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Neptune Basin Expansion Project Awaits Pinelands Commission OK

Victoria Ford
Writer

Concerned Residents Ask Surf City Council for Help With Constant Flooding

To help curb what some people would call frequent flooding in Surf City, Mayor Pamela Franchina said Tuesday that the council must be involved. Although he acknowledged the city and the staff must "have always caused trouble," he said the back bay flooding has been a major issue since Superstorm Sandy.

"Nobody wants to say it because they're afraid of somebody coming out and saying, 'You're going to kill the bay,' but they have to design the bay and design the channel to make room for that water to stay there," he told concerned residents at a public meeting Wednesday, Feb. 10. "There's no place for the water to go in the bay. Sandy brought in a lot from the ocean. The back bay is full, and the channels are full."

John Klein, council president, noted the state has finally awarded a contract to design Double Creek Channel and other areas of the bay, due to Sandy, in the fall.

"That's incredible that all that amount of time has gone by," said Sixth Street resident Mary Franchina, who told council members the flooding is a serious problem for her and her neighbors.

"As a taxpayer, what can I do to help?" What can my family do?" she pleaded. "We would really like to keep the family legacy of my parents by keeping the house that our own family is trying to keep. I don't know if that's going to happen."

Franchina has been living on North Sixth Street in her parents' former home. The house was originally built in the late 1960s before it was torn down and rebuilt. But the original garage is still very low, she stated.

"I can't get the water out of the garage. I'm constantly wearing my waders," Franchina said, adding that garbage also comes with the water.

Councilman William Hodgson said the only thing to do to avoid flooding is to raise the property that local resident Robert Walker said all the great progress for raising property he has checked are estimated.

"I don't know what I did to catch with that. 'Lots of luck.' There's more left, unless you know something that we don't," Walker stated.

Although she knows the risks that come with living on a barrier island, Franchina is worried for her neighbors, especially one who is "integrated" who really is not an "integrated" and another who is having other surgery line cancer.

"The demographics have changed a lot, obviously, where you have a lot of senior citizens. That is a concern," she said. "Something has to be done, and I don't know what it is. This is a great island; I don't want to say goodbye to it."



ALWAYS CAUSED TROUBLE: Flooding from the bay takes over Barnegat Avenue in Surf City on Dec. 9, 2014. The overflow of baywater has been a bigger problem than normal ever since Superstorm Sandy. (AP photo by Jack Grynwald)

"There's nothing we can do about it. That's nature," said Mayor Franchina. "But the people in Tomsen, like people in the county, somebody's got to know what's going on."

Hodgson promised to send a letter to Gov. Christie's office as well as to other state and county representatives. He recommended affected residents do the same.

"The big problem is that the DEP (state Department of Environmental Protection) won't let you put sports anywhere. The state stops everything," said Klein, noting the beaches were filled with sand from the bay after the 1962 storm.

Neptune Basin Expansion Project Awaits Pinelands Commission OK

Public Input Gathered Before March 11 Vote

By VICTORIA FORD

The surfside Township has a plan to alleviate flooding in the area of Neptune Drive, Cliff Road, Lowland Road and Breakers Drive, which for years has been a nuisance to that part of Ocean Acres, posing threats to private property and even human life. The current proposal plan is to construct a secondary stormwater management basin on a 7.5-acre township-owned property on the horizontal south side of Route 72. It would accept overflow from the existing basin on the residential north side of Route 72, by way of two broad culverts under the highway.

The project has been in the works for at least six years, with discussions and studies on it dating back to the 1990s. Now the only thing standing in the way of getting it done is the Pinelands Commission because the project is not a permitted use in the Pinelands Forest Management Area.

The obstacle, according to engineer Tressor Taylor of CMI Associates, is the existing Neptune manure basin "essentially ... just does not have enough capacity or volume to handle the amount of runoff that gets here."

The Pinelands Commission held a public hearing in Surfside Township on Wednesday, Jan. 20, to solicit pertinent public input on the township's application for a water-of-origin compliance, based on "unspilling public noise" to approve the Neptune basin project. Based on the comments, a report and recommendations would be drafted and submitted to the 15 commissioners for a decision on March 11, after which the matter would be handed back to the township and, if approved, construction would begin.

To be granted the waiver, the project must meet four conditions: required for public health and safety; the public benefit outweighs the importance of protecting the Pinelands; the project is necessary to serve existing needs; there is no feasible or preferable alternative site



RELIEF ON HORIZON: Residents drive near the existing Neptune Drive basin complete of life-threatening flooding conditions. The town has a plan to help, but it requires a waiver of strict compliance with the Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan. (Photo by Victoria Ford)

for the project. Representing the Pinelands Commission at the hearing were Executive Director Nancy Whelaney, Supervisor of Regulatory Programs Ernest DeLeon and Permitting Department Director Chuck Horne.

Prior to public comment, Taylor gave an overview of the project. A notice of public comment to the existing basin, he explained, and discharge water to an outlet structure that would then discharge into the ocean.

No new outfall is proposed, meaning no new runoff would be discharged into the ocean corridor. It's just an additional volume basin that would use the existing outfall structure, he said. The proposal's design approach, which Taylor described as "very conservative," takes into account the "worst-case scenario" as far as development within the 150-acre drainage area.

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Fair fun



At the Cedar Grove Fair, two women performed on stage. The woman on the left is wearing a dark dress and the woman on the right is wearing a colorful patterned dress. They are both singing into microphones.

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A young boy in a blue shirt is climbing a large, textured rock wall. He is wearing a harness and is focused on his climb.

TO WATCH OUT FOR
Quick birth gives Verona baby local ties



A family of four is sitting on a couch. A man in a blue shirt is holding a baby in a green outfit. A woman in a white top is sitting next to him, and a young girl in a pink dress is sitting next to her.

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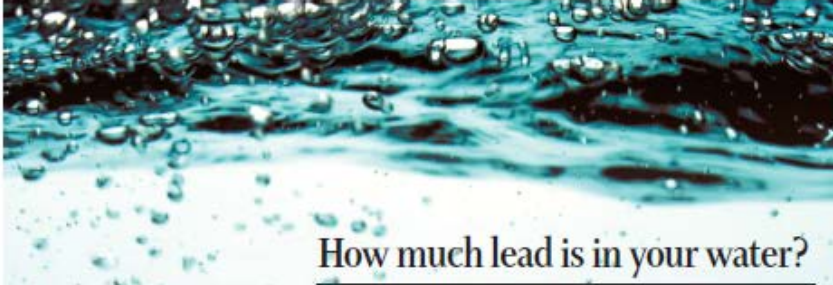
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How much lead is in your water?

Straus News takes a closer look at water quality

BY ERIKA NORTON

SPARTA — With the recent exposure of elevated lead levels in the Flint, Michigan public water systems, many are wondering how much lead is in their water.

"There are some areas in Sussex County, especially the older areas of Sussex County, where leaded solder was used in the past," said Derrick Seabold, acting administrator and health officer for the Sussex County Environmental and Public Health Services. "Lead pipes were used in the past in some of the older localities — I mean actually lead pipes — so I wouldn't say it's a problem, but periodically it does appear."

The Environmental Protection Agency requires that all community water systems prepare and deliver an annual water quality report called a Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for their customers by July 1st each year. The goal of these reports is to provide critical information, allowing consumers to make educated decisions regarding any potential health risks pertaining to the quality, treatment and management of their drinking water supply.

Indicators of natural and man-made sources to include testing for micro-biological contaminants like E. coli, radioactive cost animals, synthetic organic cost animals including pesticides and herbicides, volatile organic contaminants found in discharge from chemical factories, and fire toxic contaminants like copper, mercury and lead.

Additionally, in the state of New Jersey, these results are required to be posted on the Drinking Water Watch page of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection website.

The results

Overall, the most recent testing results from the water systems used within the coverage area for The Sparta Independent show

a low level of lead. According to the EPA, the Action Level for lead — the concentration of lead contaminant that if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements — is 15 ug/L.

The highest level of lead was found in the Sparta Township Utility Highlands system, with 4 ug/L, which is still low. The lowest level was found in the Sparta Township Water Utility Statton Lake system, with 1 ug/L.

As explained in the Consumer Confidence Report, lead gets into water via the corrosion of household plumbing systems or the erosion of natural deposits.

"Overall, Sussex County hasn't had a problem with elevated lead levels, according to Seabold, but where elevated levels do periodically appear are in older homes where lead pipes were used and/or old lead solder was used to join the pipes together.

"Back in the day, when they put the pipes together, they used lead solder, and when they actually brought the water into the house in some of these public water supplies, they used a lead pipe to bring the water to the house, so the water did have contact with lead and therefore have the ability to pick up lead," Seabold explained.

In older towns in Sussex County, such as Franklin and Newton, he added, elevated lead levels have been common. According to the EPA, homes built before 1986 have a higher likelihood of having lead pipes, fittings, and solder.

Private wells

Elevated levels of lead have also been found in water on properties where a private well is used, Seabold said. Many times this is due to leaded solder holding the pipes together, but sometimes it can be environmental.

With regard to private well testing, it's really up to the homeowner. The only time required by law for private wells to be tested is when a home is being pre-

Total Confirmed Blood Lead Levels of > 10 ug/dL in children tested in New Jersey 2010-2014

Sussex County 0.2%

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Passaic County 0.5%

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Camden County 1.2%
Salem County 1.4%

PREVENTING LEAD POISONING

Simple, low-cost steps parents can take to reduce their children's lead exposure, according to the New Jersey Department of Health

■ Have children wash their hands frequently, especially before eating, after playing outside or on the floor, and before sleeping.



■ Wash toys and other objects young children handle and put in their mouths frequently.

■ Have everyone take off their shoes and leave them at the entrance to the home.



■ Keep children away from bare soil when playing outdoors.

■ Offer children a nutritious diet high in iron such as eggs, lean red meat and beans. Offer children foods high in calcium such as dairy products (milk, yogurt, cheese).

■ Clean floors and windowsills at least weekly by using a damp mop or sponge and detergent.

■ Know if any paint has lead before undertaking any renovations or remodeling projects.

■ Remove leaded paint using special procedures called lead-safe work practices or by hiring a contractor that is certified by the EPA to perform renovations in homes built before 1978.



■ Use only cold tap water to prepare formula, for drinking and cooking.

■ Run water for 15 to 30 seconds before drinking it, especially if you have not used your water for a few hours.

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WINELAND FOOTBALL

Fighting Clan play tough in first loss

TREVOR NEWCOMB
Sports Columnist

WINELAND, N.J. — The Fighting Clan of Vineland High School football played a tough, hard-fought game in their first loss of the season on Saturday night. The team, which has been undefeated in its first two games, fell to a 1-1 record after a 14-10 defeat to the defending state champion, the Colts of Colts Neck High School.

The game was a physical battle from the start. Vineland's defense held the Colts to a field goal in the first quarter. However, the Colts' offense was more effective, scoring touchdowns in the second and third quarters. Vineland's offense struggled to get into the end zone, but they did manage to score a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

The game was a testament to the Fighting Clan's resilience and determination. Despite the loss, the team's performance was praised by coaches and fans alike. The game was a close and competitive one, with both teams showing great effort and skill.



Players from both teams compete for a loose ball during the game. The Fighting Clan was defeated by the Colts.

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Anderson is ultimate dual-threat weapon; Banks returns to being leader on field after elbow injury; Zigler, Haile have special bond on Vineland defensive line

SIDELINES

Anderson is ultimate dual-threat weapon

TREVOR NEWCOMB



WINELAND, N.J. — While Trevor Anderson may not be the most famous name in Vineland football, his performance on the field has earned him a reputation as the ultimate dual-threat weapon. Anderson's ability to run and pass has been a key factor in the Fighting Clan's success this season.

Anderson's dual-threat capabilities have made him a nightmare for opposing defenses. He has shown the ability to break through the line and gain significant yardage on the ground. At the same time, he has demonstrated excellent accuracy and decision-making in the pocket, leading to several touchdowns through the air.

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State boosts aid to school districts

All public school districts in New Jersey will receive a 10 percent increase in state aid for the 2016-17 school year, according to a new law signed by Governor Christie on Tuesday. The law also provides for a 5 percent increase in state aid for the 2017-18 school year.

Supplement could offset autism link

Researchers at the University of California, San Diego, have found that a supplement called omega-3 fatty acids may help reduce the risk of autism spectrum disorders in children. The study, published in the journal *Autism*, found that children who took the supplement had a 30 percent lower risk of developing autism.

Nomination process a minefield for GOP

A look at the Republican primary nomination process in New Jersey, where voters will elect delegates to the state convention in June. The process is expected to be a contentious one, with several potential candidates vying for the nomination.

N.J. Dems have plan on minimum wage

The Democratic Party in New Jersey has unveiled a plan to raise the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2020. The plan is part of a broader economic development package that also includes investments in infrastructure and education.

Christie's funds

The Governor's Office has released a list of donors to the state's new ethics fund. The list includes names of prominent business leaders and community figures who have pledged to support the fund's operations.

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Overdue, over-budget transit hub unveiled



Rebuilding buses being made on the \$4.6-billion World Trade Center transit hub in New York City. The Grand WTC station is expected to open in March.

The world of transit, and particularly the world of New York City, has been waiting for the Grand WTC station to be unveiled. The \$4.6-billion project, which is part of the World Trade Center Transportation Hub, is expected to open in March. The station will serve as a major transit hub for the World Trade Center site.

Sober Sabathia notches biggest win

Yankees pitcher CC Sabathia discusses his decision to come clean about his alcohol consumption. Sabathia, who has been a key player for the Yankees, has admitted to drinking alcohol during his career. He says that he has been sober for several years now and that he is proud of his decision to come clean.

Author Harper Lee's 2016

INSIDE

Feds blast Apple

Say publicity is behind tech giant's refusal to access shooter's phone

The Justice Department has blasted Apple for its refusal to provide access to a shooter's iPhone. The department says that Apple's actions are motivated by a desire to protect the company's profits and that it is not in the public interest. The department is asking the courts to force Apple to comply with the law.

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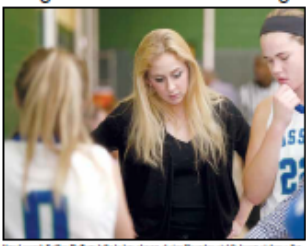
BY JAMES EVANSTON
 OF THE HONOLULU STAR-BULLETIN
 The final game of the season for the Sun Belt Conference basketball team was a dramatic one, with the Sun Belt Conference's top two teams, the Sun Belt Conference and the Sun Belt Conference, playing a final game on a huge stage.

Sun Belt Conference basketball player Brady Manning (22) jumps to shoot the ball during the final game of the season at Sun Belt Conference.

They're winners

Midway through a difficult season, County College women come through

By Carl Barbati
 MIDDLETOWN — It was an all-time low for the women's basketball team at Middlebury College. The team had lost 10 of its last 11 games, and the team was in a state of despair. The team's coach, Carl Barbati, was in a state of despair. The team's coach, Carl Barbati, was in a state of despair.



Carl Barbati, coach of the Middlebury College women's basketball team, talks to his players during a game.

Team, coach, show grit and class

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 MIDDLETOWN — The women's basketball team at Middlebury College has shown a lot of grit and class. The team's coach, Carl Barbati, has shown a lot of grit and class. The team's coach, Carl Barbati, has shown a lot of grit and class.

Ground game is the possible key

By Steve Hest
 CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls are looking for a key to their success. The team's coach, Steve Hest, is looking for a key to their success. The team's coach, Steve Hest, is looking for a key to their success.

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Team, coach show grit and class; We'll all miss photographer and friend; End of Skylands 'Odd Couple'

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FOOTBALL

Vince McNaney was more than a stellar coach.

He was one of a kind

It didn't matter whether it was a hot September afternoon or a cold day in December. Vince McNaney wore the same thing on the Pennsylvanian sidelines — turquoise sports jacket over a short-sleeved, powder-blue shirt with a tie and gray slacks.



PHIL ANASTASIA
Philadelphia



Vince McNaney won 246 games in 35 years with three schools in a football coach in South Jersey. *By Phil Anastasia*

The colder days were the best, because that meant Pennsylvanian was playing a more important game, and the home stands were filled with kids wrapped in blankets and heavy coats, and the man known as and widely as "Coach Mac" was dressed as if he was chipping paint.

After the games was over, he'd sit in a worn leather team chair while McNaney clipped a cigarette and explained the game — and told a dozen stories only indirectly related to what just happened on the field — and see his son Timmy, now the Lehigh head coach, down the hall to the pay phone to call the newspaper and give some other stories.

McNaney died Wednesday at 86. That was heart-breaking not just because he was one of the best football coaches ever to walk the sidelines in South Jersey and an even better guy, although that certainly was a big part of it.

What really stays when a guy such as McNaney dies — like so many great men of the same generation, when a David Bowie or Glenn Frey dies — is that it makes you realize how much time has passed and how things need to be done, slower, simpler.

The "good old days" always are better for one reason. We were younger. We had plenty of ideas and endless possibilities.

That's the thing about a man such as McNaney. In his life was such a colorful and unsurpassable and beloved character that he evokes another time.

For West Deptford coach Clyde Polson, it was recalling a couple of funny moments riding a horse on

the field ahead of his Bob-cup Pennac team at Pennsylvanian on Thanksgiving Day in the 1950s.

"He told me he never laughed so hard," Polson said of McNaney, and you could just see him on the sidelines, embracing the moment when so many other coaches might have been right-tipped and gone in the wrong direction.

That was McNaney, a guy who somehow managed to be as competitive and demanding as any coach while maintaining balance and perspective and a wonderful sense of humor.

Some men of his stature grab life by the lapels. McNaney draped his arm around his, said it jokes, bought it a drink.

"He was one of those old-school coaches," Shawnee coach Tim Cates said. "One of those guys who always seem to understand there was more to life than football."

Maybe it was growing up in a farm, loving family in Philadelphia in the Great Depression in the 1930s.

"I asked my mom one time, 'Mom, are we rich?'" McNaney once said, telling another story on the day they named the field at Pennsylvanian after him.

Funeral Services

Here are the scheduled services for Vince McNaney:
 • Viewings are to be held Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30 to 12:30 a.m. at Christ Our Light Church, 622 Kings Highway, Cherry Hill.
 • A Mass to be said Wednesday at Christ Our Light Church at 11 a.m.

Hicks and the Hot Links, with a young Dennis Lee in the secondary? — and John Taylor, who caught the second-most touchdown pass of Joe Montana's career to win a Super Bowl before becoming a coach. His teams won 246 games at three schools over 35 years. It wasn't just with great players, it also was with 9-0 to 10-0 ball games and hammering ball games and all manner of tough kids who revered the man in the turquoise sports jacket.

"Vince McNaney, Vince's widow, said she and her husband were talking one night, and she asked him to pick one word to describe him."

"Can't I have two?" McNaney asked, in typical fashion.

She looked on one, the word down her choice on a piece of paper.

"I wrote down musician and Vince thought about it and said musician," Holly McNaney said.

That was McNaney. He made everybody want to do better — his sons, his players, other coaches, even down to his driver's education classes, even while not just reporting.

He was one of a kind. I know that because his death took me right back to those great games and those great games and the way he walked on the sideline in that court on the sidelines of days and the magic in the air in the locker room when he was sitting across from another Pennsylvanian victory and Timmy was running back down the hall from the pay phone.

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County Chiefs of Police endorse Lear for mayor

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Staff Writer

CAPE MAY — For only the second time in its history, the Cape May County Chiefs of Police Association has endorsed a candidate for political office.

The Chiefs of Police Association unanimously passed a resolution at its Sept. 6 meeting endorsing retired Cape May police lieutenant Carney “Chuck” Lear for mayor of Cape May in the Nov. 8 election. Lear, who retired Dec. 31, 2015, is challenging Mayor Ed Mahoney, who is completing his second term as mayor.

The move comes amidst a period of turmoil and tension in the police department. Lear retired in December after a disciplinary hearing concerning his use of suspension.

He said the city reached a settlement that included his retirement.

Cape May City Council also voted to reelect Robert Sheldon’s contract as police chief last month, and appointed Anthony Marino as chief in August. Sheldon has a pending lawsuit against the city over the rehire. The Chiefs of Police Association opposed Cape May’s action reappointing Sheldon as police chief last year and supported Sheldon for the position this year.

Chiefs of Police Association president Christopher Lawson, who is the Middle Thorofare police chief, said he believes this is only the second time the association has endorsed a candidate — the other being Greg Sabatelli for Cape May County Sheriff.

“The association is not in the mayor’s time as time off for working



Homecoming court

The Lower Cape May Regional Area Homecoming Court was recognized at halftime of the school’s football game against Philadelphia on Saturday. Pictured are (from left) Torrey Wolf, Diana Scorsone, Myrael Sanchez, Homecoming Queen Anthony Liberman, Cassidy Hendrix and Bridgette Lamb. For more photos, visit www.gazette.com.

Time, salt air takes its toll on Middle Thorofare Bridge

By BILL BARLOW Staff Writer

LOWER TOWNSHIP — The captain of the big fishing trawler heading out to the Atlantic from Lear’s and other fisheries faces their first challenge almost immediately: passing under the drawbridge opening Middle Thorofare.

The channel has a 50-foot opening. The opening of the bridge is 50 feet wide, leaving little room for error.

“They’re getting banged up on anything other than a slack tide,” said Dale Foster, Cape May County’s engineer, in a recent interview, referring to when the tide is either all the way in or all the way out, and the water isn’t laminated this month. Foster said a barge healed into the bridge in August, taking a good sized chunk out of a bridge section. The morning of the interview, he said, a redneck had hit the bridge, but he said they were still looking for some signs of damage from that accident.



A barge passes under the Middle Thorofare Bridge from Lower Township in Wildwood, N.J. Myra Robinson, the vice president at Lear’s Fishery near the bridge,

and the captain heading in to his fishery or others including Atlantic Cape, Dock Street Seafood and independent operations in Wildwood, either wait for slack water or the full high tide before asking for a drawbridge opening.

According to Foster, those openings delay traffic, particularly in the summer. The drawbridge itself requires maintenance, and the county is also working to keep the bridge’s weight limit at the current 13 tons. That’s too low to allow for trucks over the bridge, which could

detour to the George Harding Bridge heading through Wildwood to reach Diamond Beach or Wildwood Crest for medical and emergency, but it’s enough for cars and delivery trucks like those from UPS or Fed Ex to use the bridge, according to Foster.

“What he’d like to see is a fixed-span concrete bridge instead. But to get done, he has to draw a number of his own, finding a way to balance environmental and historic concerns and gain support for a project at the bridge,” he said.

Carney’s owner files suit against Cape May, mayor

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH Staff Writer

CAPE MAY — The owner of Carney’s is suing Mayor Ed Mahoney and the city of Cape May, saying the mayor and the city conspired with his rival to do business and selectively targeted Carney’s for special restrictions.

The suit became a matter of public knowledge when resident Jerry O’Leary released city records Anthony Marino at the Oct. 18 Cape May City Council meeting how many lawsuits the city currently had filed against it. O’Leary said he spoke to Jim Carney, owner of Carney’s Inc., who told him he had a lawsuit against the city.

Marino told O’Leary there were three active lawsuits he was aware of, including one filed by Carney, one filed by Capt. Robert Sheldon, and one filed by former police officer Steven Parnell. Council voted to settle the Parnell suit after a closed session meeting Oct. 18.

The Carney’s suit names Jim Carney and Carney’s Inc. as plaintiffs in a complaint against Mahoney and the city. The complaint mentions an allegation that took place outside Carney’s on Sept. 14, 2014, between a person the complaint describes as an “arrested police” and a bartender.

The complaint says when the bartender asked him what he had to drink, Carney said, “I want, for some

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Christie, Sweeney Reach Agreement on Supreme Court Nominee

As Before, Sweeney Held the Cards All Along

By Michael Booth

When Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie decided, after years of refusal, to reverse course and nominate a Democrat to the state Supreme Court, he found himself in much the same position he was in two years ago when faced with whether to nominate Democratic Chief Justice Stuart Rabner for tenure—with few options but to reach across the aisle.

Several legislators and Senate President Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, ultimately held the final say in whether the vacancy left by Democratic Justice John Wallace Jr. would be filled or remain open during the rest of Christie's second and final term.

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Timpone, Democrat and Christie Ally, Gets Bipartisan Nod

By Michael Booth



Republican New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie and Democratic Senate President Stephen Sweeney, D-Gloucester, have agreed that Walter Timpone, a partner at Morristown's Melitroy, Deodato, Mulvaney & Carpenter and a former federal prosecutor, will become the next justice of the state Supreme Court.

Christie and Sweeney announced the agreement at a press conference April 11. Timpone's confirmation, which is expected, would put an end to a long-running dispute between Christie and Senate Democrats, who control the upper house, that began in 2010 when Christie declared that he wanted to reshape the court, refused to nominate Democratic Justice

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Bankruptcy Still Looms Large in Atlantic City Crisis

By David Gialanella

As Atlantic City staves down the barrel of fiscal insolvency, state leaders maintain that bankruptcy is to be avoided at all costs. But as consensus over a takeover plan appears uncertain, the question arises: Is a Chapter 9 filing as unlikely as the rhetoric implies?

Some said it's a no—or at least that it shouldn't be. "It is, by design, supposed to be the last option," but, "I think it's a realistic option," said Gerald Glone of the bankruptcy and corporate restructuring group at Hackensack's Cole Schotz, which represented the creditor committee in the Revel bankruptcy.

"Chapter 9s are very different from 11s or 7s, but in general, within the bankruptcy framework, there's a resolution through negotiation," he said.

John Raparand of O'Melveny & Myers, who represented a creditor in Detroit's insolvency bankruptcy proceedings while with Cadwalader Wickersham & Taft, said for Atlantic City, bankruptcy is "not off the

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Dozen-Lawyer Group From Coughlin Duffy Breaks Off into New Firm

By David Gialanella

Coughlin Duffy of Morristown, formed 12 years ago when a group of lawyers splintered from one of New Jersey's largest firms, has shed a group handling insurance defense and coverage work—including three of its founding partners.

As of April 1, a dozen attorneys departed to form Kinney Lawvics Realty & PA, opening up shop in nearby Parsippany.

The departure reduces Coughlin Duffy's attorney head count to 42, according to its website.

"We collectively decided it was in everyone's best interest to separate, and

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Chef cooks pasta dish to aid earthquake victims



BY ALEXANDRA HOEY

When tragedy has been going on for years, but the relief is still not here, it's time to look for ways to help. In the case of the earthquake victims in Italy, the relief is still not here, it's time to look for ways to help. In the case of the earthquake victims in Italy, the relief is still not here, it's time to look for ways to help.



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On left: The chef in white is preparing a pasta dish to help earthquake victims.

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Lights going out on Off-Broadstreet Theatre

By Andrew Martins

When the lights come on, the Off-Broadstreet Theatre will be a sight to behold. With the lights, the theatre is a place where you can see the best of the valley. The Off-Broadstreet Theatre is a place where you can see the best of the valley. The Off-Broadstreet Theatre is a place where you can see the best of the valley.

Zoning board denies CVS application

By Andrew Martins

The zoning board has denied the application for a CVS pharmacy at 11 East High Street in Hopewell. The board's decision was based on the location of the pharmacy and the impact it would have on the surrounding area.

Home for the holidays

By Andrew Martins

In Hopewell, through homes and show churches are on display. The homes are being shown to the public for the "Home for Christmas" tour. The tour is a great way to see the best of the valley and to support the local economy.

Bristol-Myers Squibb shuttering Hopewell campus

By Andrew Martins

Bristol-Myers Squibb is shuttering its Hopewell campus. The company has decided to move its operations to other locations. This decision has a significant impact on the local economy and the community.

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Obamacare Doesn't Limit Recovery in Med Mal Case, Judge Rules

By Michael Booth

Defendants in a medical malpractice case may not rely on the Affordable Care Act to limit the claim for future medical expenses, a New Jersey judge has ruled.

Bergen County Superior Court Judge Robert Wilson, in an unpublished ruling issued Jan. 22, said possible contributions or reimbursements from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act cannot be taken into consideration when calculating future medical expenses since there is no guarantee that it will remain law into the future.

The case involves a 9-year-old girl, Ella Passanelli, who was born with cerebral palsy and who cannot walk and is completely dependent on others. She presently receives health benefits through her parents' employer's health

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Should Injury Lawyers Be Worried About Driverless Cars?

By Charles Tentant

Research into cars that drive themselves appears to be heading into the fast lane, carrying with it the promise of fewer deaths and injuries from car accidents.

That could also mean fewer cases for attorneys who handle automotive injury litigation, but opinions differ on how much of a threat driverless cars pose to lawyers' livelihoods.

The volume of road accidents is widely predicted to decline as self-driving technology is adopted, although just when and how much is less clear. An October 2015 white paper from consulting firm KPMG on autonomous cars' effect on the auto insurance industry predicted that the number of accidents per vehicle would decline 81 percent by 2050.

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Mass Layoffs Unlikely in New Jersey, but 'Rightsizing' Never Ends

By David Gialanella



WARD BOWER

New Jersey firms haven't replicated the recent mass layoffs at Reed Smith, and don't appear poised to, but that doesn't mean they're not doing a hard look at expenses—including personnel.

Those expenses, especially when coupled with flat or below demand for legal services, raise the issue of appropriate staffing—something that need not always be addressed by mass layoffs.

Several firm leaders in New Jersey have acknowledged that natural attrition is part of the staffing calculus.

The story about "attrition" is, it implies that the departures are volun-

tary, according to Ward Bower, of the Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, office of Alston Will Inc.

"At a lot of the big firms, a lot of the departures are involuntary," he said. "I think it does occur sporadically—I think that's why you don't see headlines like with the Reed Smith exodus."

Those to five lawyers at a time over a year or two—that attracts a lot less attention," Bower said.

How cuts are carried out "varies firm to firm," he said.

Newark-based McCarter & English, the state's most populous hometown firm, cut about 20 lawyers and an equal

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Senate Confirms Vazquez for Federal Bench

By Charles Tentant

John Michael Vazquez has been confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a federal judge on the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

Vazquez was confirmed by a vote of 84 to 2 on Jan. 27. He is with the Newark firm of Crisley, Kenny & Vazquez, and previously served as first assistant attorney general and as an assistant U.S. attorney.

Vazquez's confirmation comes as the District of New Jersey experiences a judicial emergency, with four of its 17 authorized judgeships vacant. In

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MOVIE REVIEW: 'SON OF SAUL'

Film presents a raw, powerful look at the Holocaust



Post Gábor Máté makes his film debut in "Son of Saul."

Grade: A

Starring: Gábor Máté, József Balogh, Zoltán Fehér and Lovóné Molnár; **screenplay by:** László Nemes and Clara Foyér; **directed by:** Nemes
Running time: 107 minutes
Parental guide: R (nudity, violence, disturbing images)

By JAMES BERARDINELLI
CORRESPONDENT

There are numerous powerful Holocaust movies available, but I don't think I've ever seen anything that offers the kind of grim, you-are-there perspective of "Son of Saul."

With perhaps 90 percent of the shots in close-up with long takes, the movie gives an almost first-person point-of-view of existence in the infamous Auschwitz-Birkenau extermination camp.

Yet "Son of Saul" finds a ray of hope amid the smoke, ashes and stench. It argues that redemption can exist no matter how desperately circumstances conspire to suppress it.

The narrative chronicles two days in the life of Saul (played by post Gábor Máté, making his acting debut), a member of a Sonderkommando unit. (Sonderkommandos were Jewish prisoners forced on threat of death to perform the manual labor necessary to keep the crematoria functional).

During one shift, a boy survives the gassing. Saul watches impassively as a doctor finishes the job. He then makes the improbable claim that the child is his "son," although evidence contradicts him.

"Son of Saul" never makes it clear whether there is a true kinship between the lead character and the dead boy but Saul acts as if there is, seeking to expiate his sins through a proper burial. Not only must he find a way to prevent the body from

being cut open for autopsy or burned, but he must obtain the help of a rabbi to recite prayers.

Although Saul's story is fictional, it happens against the backdrop of a real 1944 revolt by Sonderkommandos that occurred in Auschwitz. Saul is presented as a key cog in the machinery of the revolt and, when he becomes obsessed with burying the boy, he is accused of putting the interests of the dead ahead of the living.

Director László Nemes shot the entirety of the film using a handheld camera. A majority of the time, it's tightly focused on Saul's face, which puts the onus on Rohrig, who is up to the task.

The actor conveys the detached stoicism necessary for survival in this situation, but

there are times when we can read vestiges of his anguish.

By employing this style, Nemes is able to convey the atrocities of Auschwitz without depicting their grotesque detail. Images are presented in the background, out-of-focus. We see the Sonderkommandos going about their duties — readying bodies for burning, gathering clothing and possessions, shoveling ash into a river, etc.

There are times when the close-ups become claustrophobic and feel intrusive, but that's by intention. Nemes doesn't want "Son of Saul" ever to be comfortable. This is a challenging motion picture — precisely what one would expect from a movie taking a serious look at one of the 20th century's

great tragedies.

Even "Schindler's List," the starkest Holocaust film to emerge from Hollywood, wasn't this raw. The story at times becomes secondary to the experience of being there. And it's not a pleasant place to be, nor is the cavalry waiting just over the next hill.

From a psychological perspective, "Son of Saul" shows the necessity of meaning. Saul is a dead man walking. He understands that the Nazis routinely kill Sonderkommandos because they are keepers of too many secrets.

Even if the boy is not his son, his quest to give the body a proper burial intuits his life with purpose. He risks everything in its pursuit.

Death holds no fear for him. He seeks expiation, and this is his chosen route. It makes sense only to Saul. Even his fellow prisoners don't understand.

The film's contribution is the unique perspective it provides about what it meant to work in a death camp. There have been other movies about Sonderkommandos (Tim Blake Nelson's "The Grey Zone" being an example) but no other Holocaust movie has dared to wed the viewer's perspective this closely to that of a protagonist. "Son of Saul" is a powerful achievement, but I don't think I could sit through it more than once.

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The Fat Boy Munch Club: Tacos el Tio = lunches el flop-o!

By SCOTT CRONICK and RYAN LOUGHLIN, Atlantic City Weekly



Maybe it was the dusting of snow and ice on our car windshields. Or perhaps it was the endlessly whirring winds of the sulfating layers of dusting required just to step foot outside, but one thing was for certain — the Fat Boys needed something that would remind us of the warm days of summer — our thoughts packed with visions of sandy beaches loaded with bikini-clad tantes frolicking in water so summery like you would swear food coloring was involved.

We needed Mexican, and we needed it fast.

South Jersey has never been what anyone would describe as a mecca for south-of-the-border cuisine, but there are a few diamonds in the rough — both Dos Caminos at Harrah's Resort and the lastly-named Mexico in Atlantic City have always been consistent and delicious. As good as those are, we wanted to stay local. And driving past Tacos el Tio in Egg Harbor Township piqued our interest, so it was a no-brainer for us.

Ryan:

If I say this: the outside is not much to look at. In truth, the building that houses Tacos el Tio has all the alluring charm of an Auto Zone, minus that catchy "Get in the Zone!" jingle.

That said, the inside is a different story. While some may find the mock taco truck and airbrushed Aztec warriors to be a bit on the cheesy side — let's face it, art of this caliber is generally reserved for stoner vans and the Tilt-a-Whirl ride at your local carnival — they do help to soften up the tone of the space, which would be almost warehouse-like without them.

Light bulbs strung up across the room on wires do a nice job of adding to the rustic Mexican cantina vibe as well.

Scott:

Considering the building used to be an equipment rental space, they did a really nice job converting it into a fun place to have a meal. And the way they broke it up into different dining and bar areas was a smart way to make this enormous space look a bit more cozy. But calling this place "cozy" would be like calling The Spot in Northfield "chic."

Ryan:

The complimentary chips and salsa were clearly homemade — a big plus, as many places go the store-bought route on these. And while they were suitably crunchy, they were also surprisingly thick to the point where one would have concern that if they were to bite down on them in the wrong way they could potentially cut their mouth up or possibly even break a tooth. Fear of injury should rarely play a part in an enjoyable dining experience.

Scott:

They were tasty and needed more salt, but I am not a fan of thick chips like these. I like thinner corn tortillas fried so they are light and crisp. I know, shouldn't a Fat Boy like thicker things? Not in this case, it impedes me from devouring a basket at a time.

Ryan:

We ordered two apps, including the nachos, which may have been the best choice of the entire meal. Loaded heavily with fat boy favorites such as queso mixto, refried beans and Mexican crema, those same chips that seemed unnecessarily thick earlier ended up being the perfect vessel to hold the bounty of hearty toppings without becoming overly wild and soggy.

The chicken empanadas were a disappointment however, as Tacos el Tio serves their empanadas "al dry-o."

Scott:

El dry-o indeed. The dough seemed homemade and had great flavor and texture, but the shredded chicken mixture inside needed some cheese to moisten



Our complainant crusaders found Tacos el Tio's nachos — packed with queso mixto, refried beans and Mexican crema — the best part of their lunch.

things up. But the nachos were a winner, although I would have loved more queso to add some flavor.

Ryan:

When I saw that Tacos El Tio had a Mexican burger torta on the menu (The El Mexicano, \$8.99) it seemed like a slam dunk to me, as both tortas and burgers are personal favorites of mine. What is not a personal favorite of mine is the tradition of being asked how I want my burger cooked (medium rare) only to have it come to the table well done — without even a hint of remorse from the staff. I know I touched on this pet peeve in our last column, but evidently the message did not reach the kitchen staff at Tacos el Tio.

They even served it sliced in half, just to showcase how overcooked it was and how NOT sorry they were about it. In my head I pictured the staff all gathered in the back having a good laugh over it. "Here's what we think of your medium-rare burger, Fat Boy!" laughs the sadistic cook in my made-up scenario.

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Diversity rules at Blast Furnace Blues Fest 11

By ROBERT PRICE
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BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Little Toby Walker is about as big as it gets in the acoustic, engaging traditional blues world. While his may not have been the biggest commercial name in the Blast Furnace Blues Festival lineup, his more famous peers could have learned a lesson or two from the show he put on at the Sleasiezer in Bethlehem, Pa., last weekend, just as he has learned from the old black masters during his travels through the rural south.

Mixing hilarious stories and one-liners with guitar slyings, blending blues, ragtime, country, bluegrass, rock and old-time jazz, Walker rooted his 1996 Martin D-18 and his scuzzy National D-18s. "It looks like it chipped off the top of the Chrysler Building," he jokes from his just-released album, "Message," and other offerings from his extensive catalog.

The show took listeners from Blind Willie McTell's "Steakhouse Blues" to Gregg Allman's "Whipping Post,"

with stops in the Leland, Miss., delta, where Walker learned "Sl Highway Blues" from James "Son" Thomas, and the Piedmont region of North Carolina, source of Blind Boy Fuller's "Meat Shakin' Mama."

There was also nods to Robert Johnson ("Travelin' Riverside Blues") and Walker's hero, Muddy Waters, who Walker observed would always have a pretty girl on his lap, before performing his own "entube" to Waters' "Seven-Day Wonder."

Walker has won several blues music awards since 2002, and has been hailed by fellow players, like Eric Turner's Jorma Kaukonen, who says, "Flat out...you have to hear this great musician...I'm blown away."

Agreed, Walker's musicianship and crowd-friendly presentation are deserving of a larger audience. But his dedication to pure, acoustic blues may preclude that.

The festival kicked off Friday to a full house of faithful fans of Lehigh Valley acts Fray's Point, the Sarah Ayers Band and the Craig Thascher Band, with Fray's



Photo by Robert Price for the Herald

Sarah Ayers performed with her band of the Blast Furnace Blues Festival Friday.

Point playing the most straight-up electric blues — no surprise since their name was stolen from a Robert Johnson song; Ayers and Thascher, both longtime regional favorites, like to mix things up a little, even though it's a blues fest. Ayers shared the spotlight with her guitar player, Lou Franco, who showed he could hold his own with anyone at the fest.

Robert Randolph and the Family Band, and harmonica master Charlie Musselwhite

headlined the festival. Randolph, a Montclair resident who started playing pedal steel guitar as a youngster at church in South Orange, played generously from a soon-to-be-released album of his trademark soulful blues rock. The new music is hardly rock in the tradition of The Ision Sly Stone. Randolph's band — actually a family band with his sister, Lereasha Randolph as vocalist, plus a brother and a cousin — puts on an incendiary show full of energy and fun, just like Sly's shows.

Musselwhite's been at it for 50 years, since his seminal first album, "Stand Back!" His "Get Up!" won a Grammy in 2014, his first after 11 nominations. It's the washed the genre rise from underground status to a multitude of popular styles today. But as Sunday's show proved, for Musselwhite, the real music is found in traditional blues slyings he learned in the Mississippi Delta and Chicago.

The Johnny Winter All-Star Band consists of the great blues guitarist's last backing

band before his 2014 death, including fellow guitarist Paul Nelson, the man arguably most responsible for bringing Winter back to prominence in recent years. Nelson, bassist Scott Spragg, drummer Tommy Curiale and vocal/harpist James Menendez played Winter's music with an obvious love and admiration deserving of one of Rolling Stone's "100 Best Guitarists of All Time," including selections from the Grammy-nominated "Roots" (2012) and the Grammy-winning "Hard Again" (2014).

Additional stunning performances by guitarist Coco Montoya, formerly of Julea Mayall's Bluebelabers; Royal Southern Brotherhood with Cyril Neville, who still roared even with the bluesmen's founding members Devon Allman and Mike Zito; Janina Magness, a former R.B. King Blues Artist of the Year; and current Contemporary Female Artist of the Year; and newcomers Ursula Rical, Tanya Armstrong and Matt Anderson, made the 5th annual Blast Furnace Blues Festival the most attended and diverse one yet.

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- KRAVE CAPE** — 100 Sports Ave., Newton (973-383-0000). Wednesday — Live music. 9 p.m. Coltrane Series — Mini Hubby. 6-9 p.m.
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- LAFAYETTE HOUSE** — Routes 34 and 12, Lafayette. (973-573-3100). Friday — Acoustic. Wilkes. 8 p.m.: Saturday — Will Hooper. 8 p.m.: Every Tuesday — Town. 7-9 p.m.: Every Friday — Gene Taylor plays. In Dining Room. 6-9 p.m.: Ryan James in town. 8-11 p.m.
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FOOD & DRINK



The food service at the Osushi restaurant in Marlton.

Osushi

Other than the name, there is nothing commonplace about this Marlton restaurant

By Danya Henninger

The name is all that matters at Osushi, a restaurant in Marlton that is not your typical Japanese eatery. The name is a play on words, combining the words "Osushi" and "Osushi" to create a unique sound. The restaurant is located in Marlton, N.J., and is owned and operated by a family that has been in the business since 1975. The restaurant is known for its high-quality sushi and other Japanese dishes. The name is a play on words, combining the words "Osushi" and "Osushi" to create a unique sound. The restaurant is located in Marlton, N.J., and is owned and operated by a family that has been in the business since 1975. The restaurant is known for its high-quality sushi and other Japanese dishes.



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MOVIE REVIEW : 'DON'T BREATHE'

Thriller makes old plotline seem like a breath of fresh air

Grade: B+
Starring: Stephen Lang, Jane Levy, Dylan Minnette, Jane May Graves, Daniel Zovatto, Kaito Bokor, Emma Bonocvi and Brak Little;
written by Alvarez and Rodo Sayago; directed by Fede Alvarez.
Running time: 98 minutes
Parental guide: R (for terror, violence, disturbing content, and language including sexual references)

By BILL WINE
CORRESPONDENT

You may find your breathing suspended during "Don't Breathe," or you may not.

But you'll almost certainly find yourself clawing the armrest while you decide whom to root for.

That's about as viewers. But what about the makers of this horror thriller?

Well, when you call your movie "Don't Breathe," you're announcing your generic intentions and your target audience.

But "Don't Breathe," it turns out, is such a superior horror thriller from Uruguayan director Fede Alvarez (the remake of "Evil Dead") that it makes the age-old home-invasion plot seem fresh.

The premise: A group of financially strapped friends — Rocky (Jane Levy), Money (Daniel Zovatto), and Alex (Dylan Minnette) — break into a house in Detroit to pull off the perfect heist.

Why perfect? Because a blind man (Stephen Lang) — make that a wealthy, blind man — lives there in a rundown section of town.

What could go wrong?

Plenty. Director Alvarez kicks off his script, co-written with Rodo Sayago, not with the victim but with the thieves — which



Stephen Lang stars as The Blind Man in "Don't Breathe."

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defies our expectations.

They have found out, having watched a news story on TV, that the sightless man of the house, this well-off hermit, having received a settlement following his daughter's fatal car accident, is sitting on \$300,000 in cash.

But sightless is not the same as helpless.

And they realize early on that the pickings will not be as easy as they at first assumed.

That's because the man of the house is military-trained, well-prepared, and extraordinarily resourceful, with heightened other senses helping to compensate for his blindness. And he just might have a few unsettling secrets of his own.

So rooting interest, usually obvious and predictable in

horror flicks, is much more fluid than usual in "Don't Breathe."

Alvarez, trusting his material, doesn't reach very often for the expected shock-scare moments, although there are a few and they're smartly employed.

Instead, he concentrates on building tension as we squirm and contemplate who, if anyone, deserves to emerge from this house alive.

Oh, it's a cat-and-mouse survival game, all right. But who's the cat and who are the mice is not so straightforward.

In the anxiety-inducing process, the briskly paced film, running under an hour-and-a-half, stresses character and atmosphere as the stumbling robbers encounter the shut-in Iraq war vet and we get to experience the proverbial edge of our seats as

we witness the sadistic battle and decide who actually represents the lesser of evils.

"Don't Breathe" is brutal and intense and surprising and nail-bitingly suspenseful and absolutely relentless in its assault on our senses.

Yet the director grounds his tall tale in just enough reality to keep us plugged in and alert, as he tiptoes around any implausibility issues with superior, knowing craftsmanship and expert execution.

And several seemingly incidental plot points in the first act do pay off in the late going, although it might be mentioned that horror maestro Sam Raimi — who directed the original "The Evil Dead" and served as one of this film's producers — apparently failed to notice that

the third act of "Don't Breathe" isn't quite up to the aesthetic standards of the first two.

The performances are adroit and appropriate, including Lang's role, which is largely wordless but takes advantage of his imposing physical presence.

The film, this one directly brings to mind, even if it doesn't quite match its impact, is another superior suspense thriller, 1967's unforgettable "Wait Until Dark," which features Audrey Hepburn as a resourceful blind protagonist.

But "Don't Breathe" develops its own idiosyncratic niche and, in its own perverse way, well, takes your breath away.

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James Colton as the adult Calogian.

Coming-of-age tale smoothly segues to stage

BY JIM BECKERMAN

THEATER REVIEW

A GROWN TALE: THE MUSICAL

A musical about a young boy's journey from a small town to New York City. The story follows Calogian as he grows up, facing challenges and finding his path. The musical is a touching and powerful story that resonates with audiences of all ages.

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The New Jersey Public Policy Institute will host a free lecture on the topic of income inequality. The speaker will discuss the current state of inequality in New Jersey and offer solutions for addressing the issue.

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Students' gift not so easily accepted

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BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer

An end-of-the-year gift for a Glen Ridge High School teacher has led to a minor dispute between school administration and the students and parents. Except, this wasn't just any end-of-the-year gift. A group of CHHS students started a GoFundMe campaign this spring to raise money to buy two tickets for the Broadway musical "Hamilton," as a thank-you gift for AP U.S. history teacher Cecelia Lynch.

But this month, school administrators told the donors that the tickets were in violation of the school's policy on gifts to teachers. In response, several students and parents showed up at Monday night's board of education meeting to ask the board to reconsider.

The past and present students in the audience included Samh Clang, Sonja Kinkhabwala and Rachel McKeough, while the parents included Fred Kinkhabwala, Ellen Fleckman and Beth Low.

Tickets for "Hamilton" are notoriously hard to come by, and it is not unusual for ticket prices for the Tony Award-winning show to range well into the thousands. As of Tuesday morning, the ticket website StubHub.com had ticket prices for the next two weeks' performances ranging from \$1,151 to \$11,616.

The district's gift policy states, "No coaching staff member of the



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Board shall accept any gift, favor, service or other thing of value or other thing of value under circumstances from which it might be reasonably inferred that such gift, service or other thing of value was given or offered for the purpose of influencing the discharge of his/her duties."

In response, students sent a letter to the school administration asking them to reconsider. The letter argued that since the donations were coming from the larger community, the tickets could not be considered as a potential bribe or an attempt to influence a teacher's work. "A hit musical based on the thing that she loves most in the world does not come along every day. For years, (Lynch) has taught students about the legacy of Alexander Hamilton, so much that immediately upon hearing of our proposal, people knew how much it would mean to her to see this play," the letter said.

The letter claimed that the donors included "even a member of the Glen Ridge Board of Education

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PRAYING FOR PEACE

Above, Bishop George Lucy prepares for communion with Fr. Geovy Reyes during a Memorial Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Glen Ridge. Left, Stephanie Wiloughby of Glen Ridge puts a rose on the Swan Animadule during a "Vigil for Love Against Hate" at Christ Episcopal Church. Swanfield and Glen Ridge held events this past week to remember the victims of the Orlando, Fla. night club attack on June 12. See photos and story on page 3, and a gallery at northjersey.com/glenridge.

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School funding reform debated

By KATHY CHANG
Staff writer

There will be wins and losses when it comes to the proposed school funding reform plan.

State Senate President Stephen Sweeney (D-Gloucester) said Senate Democrats led by Senator Theresa Hafer (D-Lincoln), the chair of the Senate Education Committee, came together to discuss how to fix the inequities in school districts across the state.

"You have school districts that are 40 percent funded and you have school districts that are 160 percent funded and explaining that and trying to justify that ... you can't do it anymore," said Sweeney.

The senate president was joined by Senator Linda Greenstein (D-Middlesex), Senator Patrick Diegan (D-Middlesex), local officials and educators for a roundtable discussion held at Middlesex County College in Edison on July 6 to focus on the educational and fiscal value of the school funding reform plan.

Each of the 25 school districts in Middlesex County would gain additional state aid under the proposed School Funding Reform Act, which would provide full funding for school systems throughout the state.

The legislation, S-2772, to create a special commission to develop a school funding reform plan has already been approved by the Senate Education committee.

Sweeney said they have been setting up roundtables in every county promoting the proposal. He hopes that by next June the proposal is approved and full funding can be distributed by the 2017-18 school year.

"We're not looking to harm any district," he said noting that the proposal essentially fixes what the legislature broke and moving away from the stigma of urban districts wasting money that pitted urban school districts against suburban school districts.

He noted that urban school districts like Paterson School District's graduation rate went from 42 percent to 78 percent over the past few years, which signify that the district is improving.

Sweeney said they are all guilty of promoting for their towns in which they represent in the annual state budget.

"Now it's all about fairness," he said.

The Senate plan, which has been labeled "Formula4Success," would remedy a school funding system that has left 80 percent of New Jersey's school districts underfunded, bringing all districts to full funding within five years with a boost of \$100 million annually. New Brunswick would receive an additional \$23 million under the plan.

The failure of the state to fund the school formula has short-changed all types of school districts, including those in suburban districts, Senator Greenstein said.

"The state needs to address the growing disparities in school funding throughout the state," said Greenstein. "This is a problem that shortchanges suburban districts as well as those in urban and rural communities."

Each and every school system in Middlesex County would benefit from the plan for full funding, which would provide 100 percent funding for all school districts.

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Monroe Schools Superintendent Michael Korak told Sweeney that he was in favor of the reform.

He shared that the Monroe School District has experienced a 26 percent student enrollment increase over the past eight years equating to about 1,400 additional students.

Despite enrollment increases, Korak said state aid has decreased by 39 percent over those years, which puts the burden on the taxpayers, which 50 percent are made up with senior citizens on fixed incomes, and makes providing quality education for the students difficult.

School officials, Korak said, are currently in discussion of solutions, which includes holding a referendum of building a new elementary school(s) and an addition to the high school, which is only five years old.

New Brunswick City Council member Glenn Fleming, who has been an educator for 20 years, said New Brunswick is an Abbott district and shared his concerns of making sure the funding is seen in the classroom.

"Many times if funding increases, we don't see the funding," he said.

Perth Amboy Mayor Wanda Diaz said the Perth Amboy School District has more than 11,000 students who live in a highly concentrated area.

"Any type of cuts would hurt us," she said adding that she looks forward to

understanding and looking into the school reform formula.

Metuchen Mayor Peter Cammarano said the Metuchen School District took a \$660,000 cut in state aid.

He said Metuchen is experiencing a healthy growing period with many young families moving into the borough.

"We have had the largest classes in middle school over the past two decades," he said.

Woodbridge Schools Superintendent Robert Zaga said they have been fortunate to have a good relationship with Mayor John McCosma; for some pilot agreements in a district of 13,600 students, 1,500 employees and 26 buildings — three buildings over 100 years old.

Zaga said the pilot agreements unfortunately do not help them with upgrades to school buildings, which he said need to be addressed down the line. He said the district would like to implement full-day kindergarten, but the estimated cost is \$5 million.

Woodbridge School Board President Enzo Tambarello said with SFRA in 2008 they did receive an increase in state aid after experiencing shortfalls previously.

"We were doing carbokeets," he said of the increases in state aid. "We certainly do not want to harm [other districts], we want equitable funding ... even with SFRA, we were still underfunded."

The commission will put the plan into legislation that will have to be approved or rejected in its existing form with up or down votes by the Legislature.

Under the proposed legislation, a four-member "State School Funding Fairness Commission" would be established and given one year to develop a plan that would bring every school district in the state to "adequacy funding" within five years. The Administration would appoint two commissioners and the Senate President and Assembly Speaker would choose one each, according to the bill.

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Estonian President Toomas Hendrik Ilves gets a tour of Leonia Middle School from Principal David Sacco Sept. 21. Ilves went to the high school in the late 1960s and early '70s.

INTERNATIONAL

Estonian president revisits his Leonia roots

Head of state and son of a refugee who settled in the borough returns to high school

BY SVETLANA SHKOLNIKOVA
Staff Writer

LEONIA — Before addressing the United Nations for the last time as president of Estonia last week, Toomas Hendrik Ilves made sure to return to the place that had "started it all" for him: Leonia High School.

"What I learned here I've been using my entire life," said Ilves, the son of Estonian refugees who

settled in Leonia when Ilves was 5, during one of several trips in classrooms that now house Leonia middle schools on Sept. 21. Ilves graduated as valedictorian in 1972 and went on to study psychology at Columbia University, where he met the scientist he received in the high school's then experimental four-year class in math and computer programming last practice during a work-study program.

After earning a master's degree in psychology from the University of Pennsylvania, Ilves embarked on a varied career path that took him from teaching at the Open Education Center in Englewood to reporting for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Germany to working with the Estonian government to place computers in every school by 2007. He credited his significant role

in digitizing Estonia, which was late with basic modern infrastructure following the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 and now holds the world record in startups per person, to the knowledge imparted by his high school math teacher, Christine Cummings. "I owe everything to her," said Ilves.

In 1968, Cummings secured funding to provide the school's top math students with an intensive Columbia University Teachers College program that she said "broke down the traditional divisions between algebra, geometry" and other branches of math to encourage critical thinking and problem solving through programming. "What stuck with me in a very big way was that Mrs. Cummings... taught this complexity

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TEST
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how... [PARCC] will prepare their children for college and career," according to the initial email sent to 24 Passaic County school districts from the office of the County Superintendent of Schools, Robert Davis.

Districts were instructed to contact its presenter, Dana Egrey, senior workforce consultant of the New Jersey Chamber, to make arrangements for the presentation. Egrey was formerly senior vice president for workforce development for the Chamber and president of the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Foundation where she was a part of WINN, according to the foundation's current president, Donna Casareo. She was retained as a consultant after her retirement. Casareo added, in an email to Clifton Journal.

The original email from Davis' office notes the presentation could be used as a part of the district's CAP for each of the schools which use high schools. Furthermore, the presentations were offered at no cost.

The presentation was delivered at four Clifton schools — Christopher Columbus Middle School, Clifton High School, School 2 and Woodrow Wilson Middle School, according to district emails.

PARENTS ANGERED

Parents files expressed displeasure regarding the presentations in late March, after all presentations had been delivered in the district.

At a March Board of Education (BOE) meeting, parents Andrew Huff played an audio recording of an exchange between Egrey and his 11-year-old son, who had asked a question in one of the presentations.

"Why are you sending kids for the work force?" asked the child in the recording, which was also posted to the public Facebook page, "Clifton Says No PARCCing."

"Because sooner or later your parents are going to want you not living in their collar. That's really why," said Egrey in the recording.

A slide containing similar wording to Egrey's response was included in her draft presentation to districts.

Huff said the exchange was only an example of the "savage tactics"

and "misrepresentation of fact" contained in Egrey's presentation.

The draft copy of the presentation Egrey said she would deliver, which was forwarded to Clifton Public Schools and obtained by Clifton Journal through an OIRA records request, did not contain any citation of sources. The 64-page slide show shows a comparison of sample questions for the NJASK and PARCC, and dozens of talking points about learning and learning gaps.

These points included: "Poor results will drop property values;" businesses will leave the state if state tests are removed; and "parents' children will be 'lose competitive' in the workforce."

"Low skill jobs in food service, toll taking and truck driving were 'disappearing,'" she added, and being replaced by robotic systems.

PARCC, she said in her presentation, will help track if a student is "on target to be ready for college and career."

Another slide which was referenced by parents in discussion with the BOE was regarding special needs students. The draft presentation said parents of special needs students should especially

advocate for PARCC.

"You should want every other student ready for college and work so he/she can produce the tax revenue for the social services your child will need," reads the slide, labeled number 63 in the draft presentation.

"Everybody should be really mad that this woman came, telling parents that our special needs kids are going to be a drain on society and for that reason we should be supporting PARCC, so that everyone else's kids can support ours," said parent and SOJNJ organizer, Tova Felder at a March BOE meeting.

Parents said they were also insulted by content of other slides, such as one which said parents may need to "sacrifice" mink coats and the "newest iPhone" to hire a tutor for their child.

After presentations were delivered across the state, according to emails obtained by Clifton Journal as a part of an OIRA request, Egrey sent out a "final" version of her presentation.

The final presentation, which was also obtained by Clifton Journal, eliminated this slide and several others, including one which mentioned companies "submit" requests, high school transcripts even for those with college degrees.

In her email dated April 5, Egrey requests districts remove all other versions of the

presentation from their website and replace it with the final version, which she attached. She wrote the presentation was "modified slightly as we learned what concerned you parents."

In her original correspondence with the district, she said she tailored each presentation to fit the district she visited.

In late March when parents had spoken before the BOE about the content of the presentations, Superintendent Richard Tartala said at a BOE meeting Egrey would "never" be invited back into the district.

"I talked to the county office and said why did they recommend those people and I didn't really get a solid answer, but we will not be using them again," said Tartala.

MISSING CITATIONS

Recordings made of the presentation delivered to parents at Clifton High School and obtained by Clifton Journal show Egrey was questioned on her data and responded she did "not want to get into it" when asked for further explanation from parents and challenged on her data on several occasions.

In her presentation, Egrey said "statistics" indicate 80 percent of high school 8-grade students need to take remedial courses in

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PARCC test talk upsets Clifton parents

Jessica Presinzano

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Segregation in Red Bank Schools:
How It Happened and What Can Be Done; Controversy Continues Over Charter School

John Burton
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newsmen at the scene of a parking sign... (caption text is partially obscured)

Parking Lot Wayfinding Signs Coming to Red Bank's Downtown

By John Burton

RED BANK - There's parking to be had in Red Bank's downtown. "The thing is how to find it."

A group of four men and one woman are standing in front of a blue parking sign that says "RED BANK MUNICIPAL". They are looking at the sign and talking to each other.

The sign is one of many that are being installed in the downtown area to help people find parking. The signs are being installed as part of a program to improve the downtown area.

No Criminal Charges For Former RFH Coach, Attorney Says

By Rick Champagne and Christian Leland

REMARK - Michael Azeff, the attorney representing former Rutgers-Fairleigh Dickinson State University coach Rick Remick, said on Wednesday that the state's decision to not charge Azeff with perjury is a "win-win" for everyone involved.

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Segregation in Red Bank Schools: How It Happened and What Can Be Done

By John Burton

RED BANK - Public school segregation is one of the most complex and difficult issues to address in our society. In Red Bank, the issue is particularly acute. The city's schools are one of the most segregated in the state, and the reasons for this are complex and multifaceted.

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THE CURRENT BATTLE

Public school officials are not alone in the battle to desegregate Red Bank schools. The city's private schools are also facing a similar battle. The city's private schools are one of the most segregated in the state, and the reasons for this are complex and multifaceted.

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COLTS NECK TO CONSIDER WHISKEY & GIN DISTILLERY PROPOSAL

By Joseph Signa

COLTS NECK - The town of Colts Neck is considering a proposal for a whiskey and gin distillery. The proposal is being considered by the town's planning board, and it is expected to be a major economic development project for the town.

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American Reading Company cut from school budget

By LAURA STETSER
Staff Writer

EGG HARBOR
TOWNSHIP

The American Reading Company, one of the most controversial reading instruction companies in Egg Harbor Township, was officially removed from the 2016-17 school budget package Tuesday.

While the board has taken four years to vote on defunding the program to the point Tuesday night's vote, the four members will not relinquish their positions until the resignation of Superintendent Thomas DeLuca, who announced Tuesday.

Superintendent DeLuca said he will continue to work with the board to ensure a smooth transition.

"I think it's a really good decision to make," said DeLuca. "I'm really proud of the board and the staff for making this decision."



The girls' basketball team in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., poses for a photo in their gymnasium. From left to right: Erika Caruso, Ally Thomas, Tommy Blue, Lauren Reiter, and Della Lufford. In the back row: Kayla Bialos, Jan Bush, Melissa Hill, Stephanie Brown, Jessi Angelle, and Elissa Caronzo. Coach Karl Davis, Mike Tomasco, Steve Clark, Mike Pirovano, Brian Davis, Rachel Borch, and Sarah Powell.

Alder girls go undefeated

The girls' basketball team in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., went undefeated in their season, winning all 12 games. The team is coached by Coach Karl Davis.

EHT Nature Reserve awarded \$24,000 grant for improvements

The Nature Reserve in Egg Harbor Township, N.J., has been awarded a \$24,000 grant for improvements. The grant will be used for various projects, including trail maintenance and habitat restoration.



The Egg Harbor Township Nature Reserve is off on a roll. The reserve is a beautiful area with many trails and scenic views.

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HUDSON'S DEADLY ROADWAYS

JERSEY CITY



DOZENS OF residents marched down Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City Sunday, trying to raise awareness of the dangerous roads in the city after George Gonzalez, 11, was killed crossing the street.

Traffic enforcement beefed up on Blvd., 261 tickets issued

BY CAITLIN MOTA
names: not used

She said he could not give an exact figure of how many more tickets were issued this week compared to last week, but said it was a "significant increase."

"And we are going to continue doing it until we see driving pattern change," she said. The New Jersey...

Residents have been pushing for tougher traffic enforcement for several years, most recently marching down Kennedy Boulevard in West District, police station in advocating for safer streets. Although it is a county road, Jersey City signed an agreement to patrol Kennedy Boulevard on Oct. 14 when the County Police department was dissolved.

Additional police officers from the North, South, and West Districts have been assigned to patrol Kennedy Boulevard during busy traffic hours while parking enforcement officers are ticketing cars that are illegally parked, she said.

Two jitney buses were issued multiple summonses, though she could not elaborate why the tickets were issued.

She said the extra enforcement is meant to "put pressure on drivers."

Boy's death renews call for local jitney bus regulation



A MEMORIAL at the intersection of Kennedy Boulevard and Neptune Avenue in Jersey City where 11-year-old George Gonzalez was fatally struck by a jitney bus on Oct. 14.

BY CAITLIN MOTA
names: not used

After an 11-year-old boy was fatally struck by a jitney bus on one of Hudson County's deadliest streets, officials are calling for tighter regulations on the small commuter vans commonly found maneuvering local roadways.

George Gonzalez was crossing Kennedy Boulevard at Neptune Avenue on Oct. 14 when he was hit by a jitney bus traveling south through the intersection. Authorities arrested the bus driver, 44-year-old Paul Delatorre-Galana, a ticket was determined he had a suspended license.

The tragedy has emboldened those who want to see tougher traffic regulations. At a rally attended by nearly 75 people on Sunday, Jersey City Mayor Steve Pulop and Hudson County Prosecutor Bill O'Dea advocated that local government be given more authority to regulate jitney bus companies and their drivers.

O'Dea said he currently suggests that control,



Bill O'Dea Hudson County Prosecutor

WHILE WE KNOW ABOUT THE CRASH

Delatorre-Galana has had his license suspended since then and has been involved in 10 crashes, according to court officials. However, the Essexboro man was still able to operate a commuter bus on Oct. 14 when authorities say he struck the 11-year-old Red-Lived Charter School student. His attorney said in court that Delatorre-Galana was unaware of the suspension.

While witnesses said Delatorre-Galana was weaving around a parked truck right before the fatal crash, the Hudson County Recorder's Office is not releasing any more information on their investigation at this time.

JP Florio, a spokesman for Hudson County Sheriff Frank Schillaci, said the bus driver was operating the bus without a license. He said the bus was insured through Alpha American LLC, which operates the Pyramid's Register bus line, according to government records.

But Delatorre-Galana's connection to the jitney company remains unclear. A spokesman for the Hudson County Prosecutor's Office said he indicated he was self-employed.

When the Jersey Journal published the 11-year-old's death, a secretary sitting in front of the West District police station during Sunday's march.

While walking from Duane Avenue to the Jackson Street building, Pulop said he, O'Dea, and Ward B Councilman John Haldeman noticed a jitney bus that was lined up operating on Bergenline Avenue picking up passengers on Kennedy Boulevard.

Jersey City and Hudson County officials are expected to meet next month to discuss safety on Kennedy Boulevard, which includes the "jitney issue overall."

"I think we all recognize that that is a large issue," the mayor said.

But for Enio Garcia, a Bayonne resident who has been driving a jitney bus more than a decade, there is already enough regulation on the bus.

While pulled over on the side of the road near Fair Mall Square this week, Garcia said he is stopped for inspection by the State Police at least once every two weeks. He displayed a permit, but was not allowed to drive through the department's



A JITNEY bus travels on Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City.

"We on the city levels and county levels are willing to step up and do regulatory enforcement but our hands are tied."

Bill O'Dea Hudson County Prosecutor

on a bus in the yard directed all questions to the owner.

The Hudson County study revealed it's not uncommon for drivers who own more than one jitney bus to rent out their vehicles. Some drivers who operate smaller companies obtain insurance through larger bus companies, the report indicates.

Some drivers pay owners of larger fleets to use both their buses and insurance. In those cases, the renter pockets the money they collect in fares, according to the study.

CALL FOR LOCAL CONTROL

Pulop described the 11-year-old's death as a "failure" on "multiple fronts" when addressing a crowd in front of the West District police station during Sunday's march.

"We on the city levels and county levels are willing to step up and do regulatory enforcement but our hands are tied,"

O'Dea told the Jersey Journal.

Hudson County spokesman John Kennedy said the county is open to meeting with local, state and federal leaders to discuss what can be done to improve how jitney buses are regulated, who is responsible for overseeing the operation.

Shee, too, said he has no plans to work with lawmakers to give county and municipal governments more regulatory power.

Jersey City spokesman Ben Morsell said municipalities need to be given "more authority licensing as well as enforcing the permitting and routes of jitney buses."

Today, the law makes no sense as they put both the city and NJ Transit buses at a disadvantage while the jitney are allowed by law to prey much on their passengers, Morsell said.

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The Jersey Journal

Boy's death renews call for local jitney bus regulation; Residents on edge after uptick in shootings; Boy battling cancer surprised with a hero-themed parade

Caitlin Mota, Reporter

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Jurors selected, trial starts Monday

Seven women, five men panel a 'cross-section of America,' lawyer says

The trial of the state's first high school graduate to be elected governor is set to begin on Monday. The jury is expected to be selected on Monday. The trial is expected to last several weeks.

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Erin Petenko

IN LEAKED EMAILS, COLIN POWELL CALLS TRUMP A 'NATIONAL DISGRACE'

In leaked emails, Colin Powell calls Trump a 'national disgrace'

Colin Powell, former Secretary of State, is reported to have called Donald Trump a "national disgrace" in a leaked email. Powell is a member of the Republican Party and a "leading and leading."



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Politics of painkiller epidemic
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FORWARD MARCHING
BY BOB ZIMBA

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Recovered from fire, 25 Burgers nears reopening
The 25 Burgers in River Street is set to open soon after reopening from a fire in June 2015.

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Nick Muscavage
Staff Writer

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Father's dying words save mom injured in fiery crash

CHRISTIE URGED TO DUMP TRUMP

Father's dying words saves mom in fiery crash; Police stave off man's 'suicide by cop' demands; Family, friends mourn stabbed Neptune man



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Chorus grows louder for governor to end his role in tarnished campaign

Katie Park



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YOUR TOWN

Two Hopatcong BOE candidates withdraw

By Robert Kelly
Hopatcong, N.J. — Two candidates for the Hopatcong Board of Education withdrew from the race on Monday, leaving three candidates to compete for the four seats on the board.

The candidates who withdrew were James J. ... and ...

Car dealership helping family in need

By Robert Kelly
Hopatcong, N.J. — A car dealership in Hopatcong is helping a family in need by providing a car to a young girl who has been diagnosed with a rare form of cancer.



The dealership, ... has donated a car to the family to help with their expenses during the girl's treatment.

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Plea offered to Vernon man in vehicular homicide case

By Robert Kelly
Vernon, N.J. — A plea has been offered to a man charged with vehicular homicide in Vernon, N.J.

Frelinghuysen Committee recognized with planning award

By Robert Kelly
The Frelinghuysen Committee has been recognized with a planning award for its work in ...

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REPORTING, WRITING & ILLUSTRATION: FRESH APPROACH TO ROUTINE REPORTING

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Town resident recalls his years as a German POW

By Daniel Jackovino
Staff Writer

Some things you cannot forget, and Bloomfield resident Thomas Sivale, 95, a WWII Army veteran, has a diary almost 75 years old to prove it.

Sivale left a diary of his time in military service. Writing specifically, he highlighted some of the events that immediately surrounded him, the people with whom he lived, and the thoughts of a young soldier incarcerated as a prisoner-of-war deep within Nazi Germany for almost two years.

Sitting on the sofa in his Walnut Street home earlier this week, Sivale clicked off the names of the forts where he was stationed after being drafted from the National Guard into the Army, on July 9, 1941. His daughter, Joanne, had rummaged through several drawers and came up with the diary her father had written while a POW. Reading it, a person could follow the names of the forts as Sivale recited them from memory.

"I was drafted to Fort Dix and sent to Benning and Chabonne, Fort Lewis, Camp Adair, and back to Fort Benning, for parachute training," he said.

The diary is written in a remarkably beautiful and flowing cursive penmanship. It sometimes adds a detail omitted by Sivale's recollection. For example, in the trip to Fort Clayton, a journey made to Louisiana by truck, the diary said two men froze to death.

Sivale was born on Oct. 8, 1919, at 11 Newark Ave. in Bloomfield. The house is still standing. He said the property had some land around it and the family raised chickens for the table.

"We didn't have doctors back then," he said. "We were all delivered by a midwife. I was brought up on goat milk."

Sivale attended Fairview Elementary School, Park Crescent for eighth and ninth grades, and Bloomfield High School, graduating in the Class of 1938.

As a paratrooper, he was in the 82 Airborne Division, 459th Parachute Field Artillery Battalion.

"First of his kind to be formed in the US," the diary said.

Sivale's departure for Europe is written boldly across the first page of the diary. From it, we understand he shipped out from New York, on April 29, 1943, aboard the S.S. Manxey. The ship name appears to be a misspelling; an Internet search led to a troop ship departing from New York on April 29, 1943, named "S.S. Monterey. The Monterey was a luxury liner, converted to a troopship in 1941 and outfitted to transport 3,500 soldiers per voyage.

"We landed in Casablanca," he said. "We couldn't go into port. It was bombed."

"Night of land May 10, 1943," the diary read, "and finally Africa. Two weeks in Casablanca, and then to Oujda, Africa, 3000 sharp anchor fall."

Sivale said from Oujda, he and his outfit were flown over Sicily for a night into jump into enemy territory.

"The next day, I didn't know where I was," he said.

"Four German SS guards showed up. I had three grenades

and 150 rounds. What could I do? The first thing they did when I put my hands up was take my watch.

"It was my first combat jump," he continued. "My first and only. That's how the airborne operated. They came and us like garbage. I was supposed to pick up a radio. I didn't find anything."

In his diary, Sivale wrote: "July 10, 1943. Jumped 12:30 a.m., at site jump made by me. Captured July 10, 1943, Saturday at 3:30 p.m. after two years service to the exact date."

After the Germans rounded up the captured paratroopers, Sivale said those who were Jewish were taken away.

"I don't know where they took them," he said. "I never heard."

Again from the diary: "Taken to Northern Sicily then Capua, 15 miles from Naples. From Capua by Box Car to STALAG II-B and Hammerslein, Germany, 5 miserable days."

The boxer, he said, had one window and was crammed with 40 prisoners. There was a rumor that Allied troops had bombed the Brunner Park, though the Alps between Italy and Austria, but that proved false. The train went through the pass and the POWs arrived in Germany.

They stayed only two weeks at a prison camp designated Stalag II-B, Sivale said, because the Germans had to vacate the area to avoid advancing Russian troops. The POWs were marched several hundred miles into central Germany, to Parchim.

"They had a potato farm," he said of the area around the camp. "The prisoners were American, French, Polish, and a girl from Denmark. They had room to cultivate the potatoes. We'd throw them into a cart and cover them with straw until the spring. The big ones would go to Hitler, the smaller ones to feed the swine."

Sivale said the French had already been prisoners for a long time. They were even allowed to go into the local village.

"They were POWs for so long, the Germans let them roam," he said. "They couldn't escape. We were centrally located."

At night, Sivale said the POWs would have their shoes confiscated. In the morning, they would be returned.

"We one tried to escape," he said. "Even if you did get away, you had to speak German. The guard, he was wounded on the Russian front. He was OK because he went through it."

For the most part, Sivale said the prisoners just sat around with nothing to do for nearly two years. He would make entries into a diary. The prisoners received packages from the Red Cross and packages from home. Joanne, Sivale's daughter, imagined that she remembered her grandmother telling her that when she found out where her son was, she contacted the Red Cross to have the packages sent.

In them, Sivale said there were cigarettes, chocolate bars and soap.

"The Germans were good that way," he said. "At least we got the bread." He traded cigarettes to the French prisoners for bread. In the POW camp, he said the bread was black and tasted terrible, as if it was made with sawdust. But the French got the white bread from the village since they were allowed to go there.

From home, prisoners also received constant letters and postcards, and no news. Joanne said she saw some of the postcards and the words "I love you" were always blacked-out by the Germans. The prisoners had no connection with the outside world, Sivale said. There were no new prisoners who might have brought some news in.

A quote from St. Paul, under the heading "A prisoner's prayer," is in the diary. It reads: "Rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, instant in prayer." The diary set out this was "taken from a little prayer book Dec. 25, 1943."



Top Photo by Daniel Jackovino

Relaxing in his Walnut Street home, Thomas Sivale looks through his World War II diary. Bottom left, Sivale during his service years.

Sivale also wrote down some of his own thoughts.

"Here I am a Prisoner of War in Germany, and thinking to myself, it was better for me to come over here than to have them go over there," he wrote. "Tears may come to my eyes but they are tears not to be forgotten for home sickness does that to me."

Another entry in the diary near the end of the war in Europe and the collapse of Nazi Germany: "April 7, 1945. Some of the sweetest bombing since yet. About 300 Flying Forts hit dispersal on outskirts of City of Parchim."

And another: "April 12, 1945, heard President Roosevelt died."

This was the date Roosevelt died but Sivale could not remember how he found out.

On the day the camp was liberated, Sivale was out walking in the woods. He said he was with another POW, Bob Vogt. The diary has a page with a list of POW names and the places they lived. Vogt's information is one of the entries. He came from Plano, Illinois. Sivale wrote about the first day, after a month two years, when he was no longer a prisoner in enemy hands.

From the diary: "May 2, 1945. Freedom at last. Russians came in Parchim after dinner and really took the village over. This same date was almost killed by Russians when taking the village over. One got hit in the chin and came out his neck. Name, Bob Vogt, from Illinois. Would never want to live this day over. In Russian hands for two days."

Sivale said Vogt was unconscious but not dead. He carried him back to the camp. He did not know what happened to him. He believes he died.

"May 4, 1945. Back to American hands after 21 months of prison life. Feeling cannot be expressed in writing."

When he got back to America, Sivale said he was sent to Ft. Reagg, then Sidona, Ark., then Washington, D.C.

"The Army gave me \$200 to get home," he said.

He returned home to Bloomfield, and to his future wife.

"My mother probably kissed him to death," Joanne said. "They were engaged."

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*Town resident recalls his years as a
German POW*

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Bobo, others banned from haunt due to clown craze

BY WILD COLLINS
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Clowns are usually seen at carnivals and fairs, but a group of about 15 clowns, including Bobo, were banned from a Halloween haunt in Rutherford due to a "clown craze" that has swept across the state.

RUTHERFORD Police officers said they received reports of a clown named Bobo who was acting aggressively and making threats at a Halloween haunt in Rutherford. The police officers said they were called to the haunt on several occasions and that Bobo was making threats and acting aggressively towards other people.

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Residents want quieter student neighbors

BY WILD COLLINS
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Students at a middle school in Rutherford Township are causing a commotion in the neighborhood, and residents are asking for a quieter environment.

RUTHERFORD Township residents are asking for a quieter environment in the neighborhood where a middle school is located. The residents are complaining about the noise and activity from the school, particularly during the school hours.



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Mom seeks signage to slow area traffic

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\$7K of fire donations lost are now found

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Widcats shutout Indians

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'I had to stop and see what I could do'

Bucs' Dan Castano comes to aid of Bloomfield runner during cross country championship

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
Correspondent

Belleville High School's cross country coach Nick Capriano was discussing the naming of captains in the fall of 2015 and his decision to use a junior then Castano to that position.

"He's a great kid," said Capriano. "That is a leader and kids look up to him. We don't normally name juniors as captains, but he's earned that role."

Fast forward a year and Castano, now a senior and two-time captain, is competing in one of the most exciting races for a high school cross country runner. The Essex County championship race was being run on Oct. 29, on a crisp fall day and beautiful course at Theodorakis Park in Bloomfield.

It was, as Dan, the son of Claudia Castano, would recall later, "just a race."

But it would be much more. It would be a story of cooperation, sportsmanship, leadership and plain old caring.

As Castano was running, he saw a Bloomfield runner who was ahead of him, lying on the course in some distress.

"Guys were going by him," recalled Castano, during a conversation in the office of Belleville High School Athletic Director



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Belleville's Dan Castano assists Bloomfield's Adam Mahabub during the Essex County cross country championship.

Den Senacore. "But I wanted to had to stop and see what I could make sure he was okay. He was do." The Bloomfield Bengals runner, lying there. He needed help. I

Adam Mahabub, was having difficulty catching his breath.

"We were in a spot where not everyone could see what was going on," said Castano, referring to medical assistance. "[Adam] is a nice kid. He kept saying, 'Go ahead, I'll be okay.'" but I'm thinking this is a race. There will be plenty more. I hope to be running for many years to come, whether it's in college, or just good health, for the rest of my life. There's always another race.

"I wanted to make sure he was okay."

Mahabub was able to get to his feet and, with some assistance from Castano, the two walked through the wooded area onto the course, where medical help quickly was dispatched. Mahabub is doing fine.

Class act

Castano did not finish the race, but his contributions would be long remembered.

"You talk about leaders in life, and that begins with athletics," said Senacore, Belleville's second-year athletic director and himself a one-time standout athlete in football and track, while in high school in Bergen County. "Here at Belleville High, we know Dan as a very good student and leader, and obviously, an even better young

man.

"What he did exemplified sportsmanship and class. We are all very proud."

Castano and Mahabub had never met before the county final, and while many have lauded the young man's compassion, Castano seemed to take it all in stride.

"I would hope someone would do that for me," said Castano, a low-keyed, well-spoken young man, who has college aspirations and hopes to run on the collegiate level.

The Bloomfield High administration was equally impressed with Castano.

"Both our principal Chris Jennings and I visited Belleville High School in person to thank Dan," said Bloomfield High School Athletic Director Steve Jenkins. "That's how much we appreciated what he did."

"It was a very selfless act, especially in light of the significance of the race, and how few races he had remaining in his season and career," Jennings added.

Castano compressed his high school career at the state sectional championships last weekend.

"There will always be more races," said Castano, smiling. "I'm just glad Adam is okay."

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I had to stop and see what I could do

Mike Lamberti
Correspondent

FOOTBALL

Bucs to face Teaneck for first time since 2005

BY MIKE LAMBERTI
Correspondent

The Belleville High football team will take part in an NJSLA, North Jersey, Section 1, Group 4 crossover game on Thursday, Nov. 10, when the Bucs take on an old NNJHL rival in Teaneck. Kickoff time is scheduled for 7 p.m. at The Ellis Field in Belleville.

The crossover game was once considered the state consolation game. For teams that did not qualify for the NJSLA playoffs. The concept began in 1998 as a way for teams to play an extra game, in a post-season setting.

Belleville is 5-12 in the crossover game, who wins over Kearny (1998), Phillipsburg (1999), Livingston (2000), West Orange (2005) and more recently against Memorial of West New York, in 2012. This will be the first meeting between Belleville and Teaneck since 2005. In a rivalry that was once overly competitive, Teaneck had dominated the series, winning 12 straight from 1994-2005. The schools first played on the gridiron in 1983, with Belleville winning, and

the matchup was an NNJHL regular from 1988-2005. Belleville's last win against Teaneck came in 1993.

Belleville coach Matt Cariglio was impressed by what he saw on film, as he worked hard to prepare for Teaneck, after the state announced the matchups last Sunday.

"As soon as we found out we'd be playing Teaneck, we started breaking down film last Sunday," said Cariglio. "Teaneck has some big kids on that front line. There's talent there, for sure."

Teaneck will take a 3-5 record and two-game winning streak into the game on Thursday. The Highwaysmen has had a winning record in 2006, when the team finished 9-2.

Belleville started the 2016 season with a 3-1 record, but the Bucs have lost the straight games. The team was off last week, after a loss to Millburn in the regular season finale two weeks ago.

"It was nice to have that bye week," said



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5 Reasons to see 'A Song at Twilight'

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REVIEW



Sir Hugo Latymer (Edmond Genest) has dinner with Carlotta Gray (Lalla Robbins)

5 reasons to see 'A Song at Twilight'

BY GWEN OREL
STAFF WRITER

1. Edmond Genest and Lalla Robbins.
Genest plays Sir Hugo Latymer, a cantankerous older novelist living in a hotel suite with his devoted wife Hilde (Alicia Johnson). Latymer has been hiding a secret for most of his life, and former flame Carlotta Gray, radiantly played by Lalla Robbins, shows up to reveal it. Both actors are The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey veterans: Genest is in his 21st season, Robbins her 11th. They make any play unmissable. Try not to cry when Genest does. Try not to like, dislike, approve of, disapprove of Carlotta as Robbins shows her charm and her soul in the space of 15 minutes.

2. Older characters with their own stories.
Hugo, Carlotta and Hilde are all well over 40, and none of their stories is about dementia or death or illness. Let's just take a

moment to applaud that, because it's something rarely seen on the stage. They are vital people who express love and jealousy, and when they battle about the past, they are fighting for the future too.

3. Brittany Vazeb's gorgeous set.
It's just the tinniest bit shallow, maybe, but if you're going to spend two hours or so in a space, it's nice when it's a lovely space. Kitchen sink dramas are hand-hitting, but people can face hard truths in luxury too.

The set is a private suite in a Swiss hotel, complete with a working grand piano. Ben Houghton, as Felix, the writer, plays and sings, and at one point Carlotta plays a few chords of "Claire de Lune." Think chandeliers. Torchieres. French doors. "A Song at Twilight" is one of three plays Noel Coward set in the same hotel suite, "Suite in Three Keys." It's such a good idea Neil Simon used it too.

4. Perfect direction
by Paul Mullins
Director Paul Mullins ditches wonderful performances from all four actors, and modulates the play's mood changes so beautifully the show unfolds like a song.

5. Did we mention Noel Coward?
The play is by "Hayfever," "Blithe Spirit" and Noel Coward, so there is wit and sparkle. But it's late Coward, first produced in 1966. There's much more than wit and sparkle: There's heart. The secret Latymer hides is one you may guess early on. When it is revealed, the punch is not in its surprise, but in its ramifications. "Private Life" does not trump compassion; remorse is real; and love takes many forms.

Living in a hotel suite may seem like an artifact from the past, but living in truth never is.

"A Song at Twilight" runs at The Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey, 36 Madison Ave., Madison, through Sunday, May 29. For tickets and information visit ShakespeareNJ.org, or call 973-408-5600.

Dangers of charm



Alicia (Chloë Sevigny) chats with her friend Susan (Kate Beckinsale) in Whit Stillman's 'Love & Friendship'

'Love & Friendship' opens in Montclair

BY GWEN OREL
STAFF WRITER

Can't get enough of "Pride and Prejudice" or "Sense and Sensibility"?

Welcome "Lady Susan," Jane Austen's epistolary novel (it isn't really new, but it is not so well known, its date of origin is uncertain — possibly the 1790s — and it wasn't published until 1871).

The film adaptation of it, "Love & Friendship," really is new.

Written and directed by Whit Stillman ("Metropolitan," "The Last Days of Disco,") the movie played in Montclair during the Montclair Film Festival, and is now running at the Chaire Cinema, 486 Bloomfield Ave. The movie, starring Kate Beckinsale and Chloë Sevigny, opens widely tomorrow, Friday, May 27.

Director Whit Stillman told The Montclair Times he read "Lady Susan" about five years ago. The novella had been included in an edition of "Northanger Abbey," Austen's parody of a gothic novel.

"The perspective was so intimate and witty and fresh," Stillman said. "It reminded me of Oscar Wilde. 'Lady Susan' includes some of [Austen's] finest writing, comic sentences and paragraphs."

Stillman was inspired not only to make the film but also to write a novel based on Austen's story: "Love & Friendship, In Which Jane Austen's Lady Susan Vernon Is Instantly Vindicated," published by John Murray in England (Jane Austen's publishers) and Little, Brown and Co. in the United States.

"Love & Friendship" follows the story of widow Lady Susan Vernon (Kate Beckinsale) who is visiting her in-laws to deflect some rumors about an affair she was conducting with Lord Mansfield (Lochlann O'Mearain) while staying at his house. At Churchill, she forms designs on the lady of the house's eligible brother Reginald (Xavier Samuel), and continues to try to push an unwanted wealthy suitor on her daughter Frederica (Mortyde Clark).

All the while she confides in her American friend, Alicia Johnson (Chloë Sevigny). Stephen Fry plays Sevigny's older, moral husband.

Stillman adapts Austen's epistolary format for the screen by using title cards that let the audience know which country estate or London house we are in.

Part of the fun of the book is following Susan's adventures and seeing her designs as perceived by her dupes — and then being a step ahead of her as the tables slowly turn.

"This happens in the world today," Stillman said. "It's good to show the phenomena going on, how fans are believed. Susan's beauty helps deceive others, but it's also her charm that deceives, he said.

"Charm is one of the undemanded snares and delusions."

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Sunday fun bash in the park

At 10:30 a group of 100 children gathered at the park for a special event. The kids were playing soccer, basketball, and other games. The event was organized by the local community center and was a great success.





NEW club members invited to social

The Junior Women's Club of Verona will host a new social event on Thursday, July 2, at 7:30 p.m. at a community center. The event is open to all women and is a great opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy a meal.

Spot opens on the local zoning board

The Township of Cedar Grove is seeking applications for a spot on the local zoning board. The board is responsible for reviewing and approving zoning applications. Interested parties should contact the township office for more information.

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POKÉMON GO CRAZE SPREADS LOCALLY

By MEGAN SPINELLI
The game has taken the world by storm, and it's no exception in Verona. Kids and adults alike are spending their free time playing the mobile game Pokémon Go. The game involves walking around and catching virtual Pokémon in the real world. It has become a popular pastime for many people in the area.



A 12-year-old boy in Verona Park is just one of the players. He has been playing the game for several weeks and has caught many Pokémon. He is excited to share his progress with his friends and family.

Other players in the area include a group of friends who have been playing together. They have been exploring different parts of the park and have caught several rare Pokémon. They are looking forward to more updates to the game.

The game has also become a social activity for many people. They are meeting up to play together and sharing their experiences. It has become a great way to spend time with friends and family.

Parents are also enjoying the game with their children. They are taking them to the park and letting them play. It is a fun and active way to spend time together.

The game has become a hit in Verona and is expected to continue to be popular for some time. It is a great example of how technology can be used to create fun and engaging experiences for people of all ages.

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Revel's rebel

Dissecting the dream world of Glenn Straub
 BY RYAN LOUGHLIN

"There's no earthly way of knowing which direction we are going..." — Willy Wonka

Atlantic City has always been a place for dreamers... a place that has historically embraced the offbeat idea, endeavoring to show in the least traditional direction whenever possible. After all, this is a town that was known for its casinos "stray horses," a term that denoted anything of being up an army of occasionally large casinos on beachfront property, and more so, a town that holds a swelling, idiosyncrasy featuring "some high, beautiful buildings" which they work out well. The idea is to start, then turn into the street. So what better place for Glenn Straub?

Part dreamer, part shrewd businessman and definitely one of the most unusual characters that town has ever seen, Straub, with his wife, the well-known Glenn Straub certainly has the ingredients of a modern-day Willy Wonka. His ideas on how to maximize the 750-acre stretch of an A.C. Casino once known as Revel Casino Hotel remain as all encompassing, unshakable and at times about laughably absurd.

"This doesn't mean they're not kids, but that they possess an almost childlike 'wondering' spirit. It's like a kid who says he wants to be a fire engine when he grows up — one the idea is viable, but how on earth can this be accomplished?"

So what does Straub want to be when he grows up? Well, if Straub has his way, it will mean a whole lot of growing — not to mention spending — and perhaps a little bit of magic. Although his growing spending days of Revel TV was always unlikely since Straub's been busy in job title, area teaching and his involvement in any restaurant reporting, let's take a look at a handful of Straub's ideas and attempt to separate the plausible from the ones that seem to only exist "in a world of pure imagination..."

The Syrian refugee shelter
 In November 2015, Straub announced that he would welcome displaced Syrian refugees to stay in one of his downtown hotels.

Likelihood of happening: **Almost none.** Public works, there hasn't been much talk from Straub or anyone else on this idea in quite a while, not that there has been a clamoring from the Syrian refugee community to head over to America's Playground and take up residency in all likelihood, the Syrians will not LO AC anytime soon.

The return of the entertainment venue
 Likelihood of happening: **Medium to high.** When Revel opened in 2012 it made big waves by being one of the biggest acts in the world to choose the stage as its concert venue. Over the last 18 months, venues such as Bayonne, Tapscott, Mads and Kenny West. All grand the stage, but while the venue went with a "quality over quantity" policy — leading lower acts but keeping the venue big — it remained one of the premier spots to catch a concert in A.C. In February of the year Straub had announced that he was planning on turning Ocean Ball into a hotel, it seems clear that the most likely of what he would mean for the future of live entertainment on the property, but one would imagine it will make a return to its former glory.

The ropes course
 Straub's plan for the former Revel includes a "ropes course" consisting of various climbing ropes, bridges and other obstacles. The course will be set up in the space formerly used as part of the water parking area at Revel.

Likelihood of happening: **High.** Call it Revel's, this one is actually underway, with building materials and actual builders spotted on site constructing the rock, steel ropes course that he has planned. It is an example of a quirky, yet achievable idea that will surely turn to law.

The high-speed rail lines and boats
 As part of his plan, Straub has to be honest given a destination for those living in major cities such as New York and Philadelphia, Straub announced a strategy to incorporate high speed rail lines and ferries, each of which would be designed to support tourism and to bring the state to life.

Likelihood of happening: **Low to medium.** While many look would love to have quick access to our neighboring states in the north and west, the biggest and one of the biggest would be astronomical. Add to that the fact that similar efforts have failed in the past, and the chance of the happening anytime soon seems rather low. Perhaps if the new smart attacks enough demand for it, a change of the variety could get off the ground in some form, but at this point, it's a stretch, no matter how much we would love it.

The return of the casino
 While Straub has repeatedly stated his desire to not make gambling the main focus of the resort, casino gaming is still a part of the plan.

Likelihood of happening: **High.** The simple fact of the matter is that Atlantic City and gambling will always be linked to one another. While the space takes up by slots and tables may be scaled back, you can count on the presence of gambling in all forms being a significant part of the new resort. Ideally who will run the casino is yet to be determined, but Straub will likely act as a landlord to whatever takes over.

The return of the clubs
 If there was one thing that Straub got right it was the clubs. From the day it opened, the idea from Glenn Straub, Jody Heston, Club and HDI brought excitement that simply could not be had in most properties. Baroque and Digby seemed to be the beginning of something great. Straub will likely bring back the clubs some in some form over the property to fully represent.

Likelihood of happening: **High.** While Tom Lane may be known for his new club at Tompkins, he says he wants to reopen Digby Jody. And there are likely many big names in the club industry who would jump at the chance to get involved with the legendary name as a hotel. Straub's main focus on this seems clearly, but being that the space are already there, the likelihood of reopening them in one form or another is quite high.

The waterfront
 In January 2016, Straub publicly announced plans to incorporate a massive indoor/outdoor waterfront on the site. The \$1.6B outdoor park would be the largest of its kind and would include one with Straub's vision of turning the former hotel into a resort where gambling would be a secondary focus.

Likelihood of happening: **Medium.** Although the cost of constructing a waterfront area on already built property would likely be quite high, Straub is not someone who does away from spending money when he wants to, as he was quoted in the Press of Atlantic City saying, "We're going to spend time and lots of money beyond the sale price [of the property]." It may take a while for an idea of this magnitude to get off the ground, but it's certainly conceivable.

The return of the restaurants
 According to Straub, many of the best-rated eateries that were abandoned when Revel closed its doors in 2014 will head back to the property.

Likelihood of happening: **High.** Nothing is certain, but Straub has had several meetings with former restaurant operators and the idea is a great portion of those meetings are high. The question on this one seems to come down to "what" more than "if." Straub is someone who takes responsibility for the success of his ventures, and he's not someone who does away from spending money when he wants to, as he was quoted in the Press of Atlantic City saying, "We're going to spend time and lots of money beyond the sale price [of the property]." It may take a while for an idea of this magnitude to get off the ground, but it's certainly conceivable.

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State: Fines possible if hydrants not cleared

By MICHAEL SCALFANO
 A new state law requires property owners to clear snow and ice from fire hydrants. The law, which takes effect on Feb. 15, requires property owners to clear snow and ice from fire hydrants within 48 hours of a snow or ice event. Failure to do so could result in fines of up to \$1,000 per hydrant. The law also requires property owners to provide a written report to the fire department within 72 hours of the event. The law is part of a broader effort to improve fire safety in New Jersey.

Special Olympics opens with ceremony in Vernon



The 2018 Special Olympics New Jersey Winter Games opened in Vernon Monday night with a ceremony followed by ice skating, curling, figure skating, and curling events at the Vernon Ice Skating Rink. Photo by MICHAEL SCALFANO for NJ Herald.



No forecast this year from local groundhog

Stonewall's death casts shadow on annual February prediction

By MICHAEL SCALFANO
 Stonewall, the local groundhog, did not emerge from his hole on Feb. 2, which means no forecast for the winter ahead. Stonewall's death last year has cast a shadow over the annual prediction.

Trump, Cruz, Rubio battle in Iowa caucus

By MICHAEL SCALFANO
 Donald Trump, Ted Cruz, and Marco Rubio are vying for the Republican nomination in Iowa. The caucus is expected to be a close race.

New Jersey Herald website gets new look, improved features

The New Jersey Herald website has been redesigned with a new look and improved features. The new design is more user-friendly and includes a new mobile app. The website also features a new search function and improved navigation.

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No forecast from groundhog, Stonewall's death casts shadow on annual; Garrett, Gottheimer try to pump up campaigns; Zsa Zsa had a Franklin connection, dahling!

David Krauss



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Nephtune Home Depot sales associate Kevin Woolley, who has cerebral palsy, is beloved by colleagues and customers.



INSPIRATION IN AISLE 16

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NEPHTUNE Home Depot sales associate Kevin Woolley, who has cerebral palsy, is beloved by colleagues and customers. He is a 48-year-old man who has worked at Home Depot for 20 years. He is a sales associate in aisle 16, which is the aisle for power tools. He is a sales associate in aisle 16, which is the aisle for power tools. He is a sales associate in aisle 16, which is the aisle for power tools.



Towns have new date to opt out of tax pilot program

MONMOUTH COUNTY RECORDS

MONMOUTH COUNTY has a new deadline for towns to opt out of the state's tax pilot program. The deadline is now June 1, 2018. This is a change from the previous deadline of May 1, 2018. The pilot program allows towns to opt out of the state's tax pilot program. The pilot program allows towns to opt out of the state's tax pilot program.



Ortley Beach chapel will be rebuilt at last

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One BYTE at a time Girl Scout cookies take on cyberspace.

By Kristen Coppock

The business of selling Girl Scout cookies is thriving throughout Burlington County. These cookies are more than just a treat; they are a business. In fact, the new Digital Cookie 2.0 program has taken the Girl Scout cookie business to the next level. The program is designed to help girls learn about business and marketing while selling cookies. It's a win-win for everyone involved.

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One byte at a time; Poem on the grange; Writing a book is November's novel idea

Kristen Coppock
Staff writer

A PIECE OF HISTORY



50 years ago today:
Following his presidential inauguration, Gov. Richard Hughes knuckled down to keep his "yidlo of granter."

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Atlantic GOP eyes Brown for Senate

CHRISTIAN HITCHCOCK

Atlantic County Democrat Gov. Kim Guadagno has been named as a possible Republican challenger to U.S. Sen. Bob Casey in the 2018 election, according to a source familiar with the situation.

Guadagno, 52, is a former state legislator and has served as mayor of Atlantic City. He is currently serving as a member of the state legislature.

Guadagno would challenge Casey in the 2018 election in the 1st Congressional District if he receives the nomination.

Guadagno is a member of the Republican Party and has been active in the party for many years. He has also served as a member of the state legislature and as a member of the state bar.

By JEFFREY J. ...

Cape May to seek new city manager

JACK TORRES

Cape May City Manager Dan MacLeod is set to retire at the end of the year and the city is set to seek a new city manager. The city is set to hold a public hearing on the matter in the next few weeks.

MacLeod has served as city manager since 2008. He has a long history in the city and has been instrumental in many of the city's successes.

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By WALTER ...

Roads to close for trooper funeral

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Map showing the location of the funeral home.



Photograph of a large building being demolished.

Demolition begins at former convent in Wildwood

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Where there were nuns, now there are none; Pain in the Asphalt; See you Monday

Daniel Grote
Copy Desk Chief

Bridgeton man gets 65 years in prison for 2014 murder

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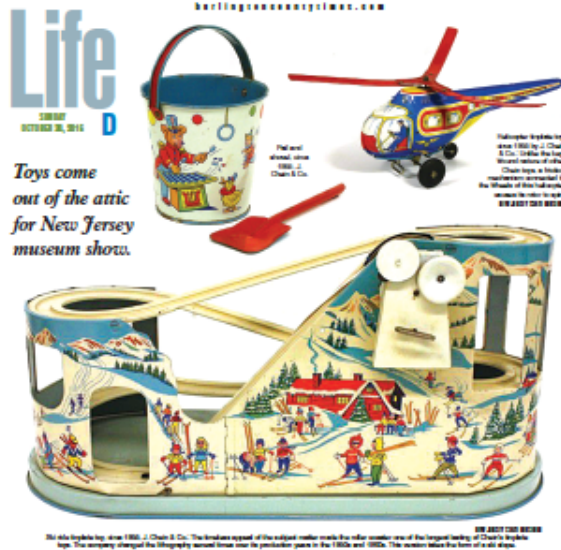
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State of play

BY JIM KOPPEL
Who doesn't have one and the memories they evoke of childhood. "The World" is available on view through April 30 at the New Jersey State Museum in Trenton, explains the museum and much the significance of the toys for the 21st century. "From 1900 to 1970, toys were made in Philadelphia and in the Philadelphia area," says the museum. "More than 100 toys and dolls made during that era were made in Philadelphia and in the Philadelphia area." The toys were made in Philadelphia and in the Philadelphia area. The toys were made in Philadelphia and in the Philadelphia area.



PHOTOGRAPHER
 Philadelphia's Mary D'Amico has spent her career since 1960 at J. Chan & Co., in 1963 J. Chan & Co. moved from Philadelphia to a 200 square foot plant in Willingboro in Burlington County. She has since the company's long production run. The company employed as many as 800 people.

Hallowed memories of Halloweens of yore

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As we get older, the sense of nostalgia grows. We remember the Halloweens of yore. We remember the Halloweens of yore. We remember the Halloweens of yore.

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State of play: Toys come out of the attic for New Jersey museum show; An American 'Idle': It's all in the timing for Moorestown mechanic; Right on cue: Willingboro billiards players chalk up their success to practice and camaraderie

Martha Esposito Features editor



REPORTING AND WRITING: BEST HEADLINES



Hibiscus made the stars hot. Success stories on plantings

We made it. Spring has finally arrived, and with it, our favorite hobby: planting. I was so excited to see the first signs of green in my garden that I immediately started digging.



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Essential

Body cameras for the MPD

Using body cameras means police officers wear video cameras without jostling provocations, or need excuses from onlookers or citizens. Many people have complained that law enforcement officers on the lines don't get equipped with body cameras that will record their actions. In fact, the cameras may prevent behavioral changes in some officers who complained their actions and responses are being recorded.

While many police officers initially opposed using body cameras, many of these officers now realize that the cameras safeguard officers who perform professionally. Body cameras reveal when certain onlookers interact with officers or behaving inappropriately in public, justifying a police response.

Assembly Councilman John J. Hoffman correctly notes that the recording of body cameras are "transparent." The officers and citizens' behavior will be visible.

Video and audio transmissions provide evidence. And, when that information occurs, the recordings reveal empirical proof of justification or a successful lesson of time.

The Assembly Councilman's Office has not provided \$2.5 million in grants to 145 police departments throughout New Jersey to purchase body cameras for some of their officers. As the main Division of Criminal Justice noted, "The State Police have received the first 100 body cameras out of approximately 1,000 that will be placed in over the coming months. The first 100 cameras are being used for testing and to develop protocols and training in preparation for the rollout of body-worn cameras to patrol. The new cameras will complement the mounted cameras in many patrol vehicles, which have been used by the State Police for the past 14 years."

The Montclair Police Department is one of many municipal police agencies, including 11 cities in Essex County, that didn't apply for the funding, which supplies the expenses of \$400 per camera.

Municipal officials said they didn't want to be locked into a quick purchase before they can analyze all the technical, legal and personnel factors involved with body cameras.

The technology for body cameras is always improving and, presumably, the price is dropping as these devices become products serving police departments throughout the U.S.

Protocols for using, safeguarding and restoring digital recordings must be tested. Will the MPD be required to hire more employees to handle the body cams, including downloading and uploading the data? Manuals must be developed to maintain new cams to the MPD and to a supplier of opening and maintaining body cams.

And, as NJPA Deputy Chief Todd Condit told The Montclair Times, the department must determine how to deal with Open Public Records Act requests for video and audio recordings. How far does one go to access the information stored, and how much privacy should be given to people whose images are in the body cam recordings?

While some of the legal questions have yet to be sorted, the A.L.I.'s Office has issued guidelines to purchase body cameras and uniformly in using the devices, while deferring to individual police departments "to tailor policies to local needs."

It is time for the MPD and the municipal government to resolve key aspects of officers recording their own actions and those of members of the public. It is time, too, for the MPD to purchase technologically reliable, proven systems that are easy to set up, along with a privacy policy system of uploading and preserving the recordings.

The Montclair should not hesitantly delay in purchasing a sufficient quantity of body cameras and ancillary equipment. And when the cameras are bought, the MPD should take quickly implement and begin their use.

STAFF COMMENTARY
The \$2.5 million for the new body cam grants comes from taxes levied by residents — a traditional source of governing revenues, and one that should be emphasized for transparency and accountability of governing officials.

Whenever possible, funds should be obligated to reimburse taxpayers for the cost of purchasing their services, or provide reimbursement to their residents, and benefit all wealth created through their contributions.

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HAVE YOUR SAY

The origins of Montclair

I have been living in Montclair for over 20 years. My special interest is in our town's history and development, and I'm writing you a column for the origins of Montclair. I'm excited by the historical significance of our town, and I'm looking forward to sharing our history with you. I'm also looking forward to hearing from you about our town's history and development. I'm also looking forward to hearing from you about our town's history and development.

On Thursday afternoon, Jan. 16, the Commission on the History of Montclair held a public hearing on the proposed history of Montclair. The hearing was held at the Montclair Public Library, 100 South Madison Ave. The hearing was held at the Montclair Public Library, 100 South Madison Ave. The hearing was held at the Montclair Public Library, 100 South Madison Ave.

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No May run for mayor by a columnist who's a naysayer

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DAVE ASTOR

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Opinion

The recipe for brilliant fall fiction is bright, sunny days and cool nights.
Sandra D'Amore
Illustration by [unreadable]

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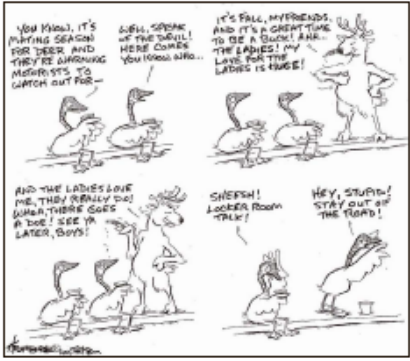
Love your town, we are so proud of you! Many people volunteered to run one of the most heated fall days of the season in an open special day for the community. The town cannot run on its own annual Open House with some serious working children to manage a vibrant crowd of young and old friends in the sun of the big day. And for many volunteers, the day is so special that it has become a tradition. Volunteerism is important as the Government Candidates Forum Festival as well. Now it's time for all residents to volunteer their time for another important event. It won't take more than two hours, and it will help to get the town ready for the day ahead. It's time for voting age residents to run in our vote for the only candidate forum for the four people running for our town on the Tuesday Election. We need to have several debates, but because our candidates have dropped out of the race, the League of Women Voters no longer holds a candidate forum. It has been left to our town. I like the Association to sponsor one chance for every year to have in our candidate address that means to bring us an audience. The year election on the national level has been fascinating. It was surprising to many voters. The issues themselves have while the most has been along around. But at the local level, there are always people volunteering to step up and make the community a better place to live and work. They deserve to be heard. They're stepping up, so step up and go to the candidate forum on for Thursday, Oct. 27, at 7 pm, at the Education Center, 650 Highway 206.

We're informed in your viewpoint. The best of Millburn and Short Hills is what we need to do - good with volunteering lines of interest - it's all a part of the Millburn and Short Hills Community. We're all pleased to be able to do it every Tuesday at 7 pm at the Education Center in Millburn. We're all pleased to be able to do it every Tuesday at 7 pm at the Education Center in Millburn. We're all pleased to be able to do it every Tuesday at 7 pm at the Education Center in Millburn.

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Letters

Hogate Beach Update: The Pleasure Is Gone

To the Editor:
After enjoying the beach in Hogate for the entire season for more than 20 years, we are no longer able to do so. Our access to the beach is at Hack Avenue. We always had a significant but manageable dune to climb, but now we have an even higher second one and thus a long walk to water's edge.
For families with lots of gear and especially seniors and handicapped, it presents a real challenge to get to the surf.
Very limited handicapped access has been provided in Hogate. For many of us, this requires walking we cannot do, driving and not having parking available, and being squashed from neighbors and our family members who prefer using accesses closer to their homes.
In addition, we have observed that many of the beach accesses in Beach Haven have railings and walkways. We are told we in Hogate (i.e. Long Beach Community) will not get them. We had assumed that since the storm was an island-wide event and the replacement was

done for the entire island, each community would receive the same "amenities."
Why not? We assume it is the result of the island's unfortunate division into numerous communities. This suggests it is time to unite the island into one community with one governmental jurisdiction. Note: we all pay taxes.
Thoughtless decisions have been made, and coming to LBI is no longer the pleasure it used to be. When (if?) we return next season, we hope to see railings and improved walkways to the beach at all Hogate accesses and in particular at Hack Avenue, one of the most difficult accesses to use at the south end of the island. And we hope that jurisdictional issues will not continue to be discriminatory.
Mary Lee and Dave Jones
Hogate

Overworked Street

To the Editor:
What do the beach replenishment folks have against those of us on 15th Street in North Beach Haven?
Last August, in prime beach season, we had our daily ritual. Access to the beach was cut off and we had to walk several blocks to get to the ocean. Then in May and June this year we had the pipe leading and pumping station for the Beach Haven work. We had to climb over the pipe to enjoy the beach and put up with the sound of pumping 24/7.
July and August brought a large pile of rusty pipes and other equipment just dumped on the beach at the end of our block. And this Monday, Aug. 15, our beach access has again been closed off while the workers establish a staging area for equipment for work taking place further north. There is no interference from the workers or on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers website for when this will end and the 15th Street beach access will re-open. Week? Month?
I realize we all have to put up with some inconveniences so that our island can be protected from future storms. But to lose beach access in two successive Augusts seems like we are being singled out for special treatment.
Ryan Flowers
North Beach Haven



My book of 20 years of artion, "The Mary Summers" is available locally and online at store.thedragon.com

Speak Easy

Toasting LBI and Happy Endings

By PATTY KELLY
The dog days of summer are here, with Labor Day right around the corner. That means fall and winter are getting closer, and all I have to say about that is "yuck." I don't mind the fall, but I'm definitely not a winter girl. But there is light at the end of the long winter tunnel as soon it will be spring and then once again summer. I guess you could say that I am a "glue hat" kind of gal.
This summer might go down in the record books as being one of the hottest we have had in quite a while. I think I may have done my summer solstice ritual a little too well.

this year and/or I had one too many minutes while doing my dance. Nevertheless, we all should still try to enjoy those last few sultry, beautiful weeks of summer on LBI before all the beach chairs are put away.
The summer has proved itself worthy of a "thank you for coming" and "back to see you go." Recently on one of those beautiful days I felt the need to take an "11:5'clock anniversary" moment and enjoy the wonderful breeze that was blowing on the beach, getting away from the heat, stagnant humidity and that second only to being bugs. Wow! What a day!
For dinner that night we decided to turn north onto Long Beach Boulevard for a change instead of south and try out a new place for dinner in Hatteras Light. I have a saying that God puts you where you're meant to be, and that night I was exactly where I should have been when things "went south" in another way. We sat at the bar and ordered a cocktail but never had the opportunity to take a sip because our friends arrived and we were quickly moved to our table. It was near an emergency exit door and had a great view of Hatteras light.
I suddenly saw a young girl's face filled with frantic fear in the window of the emergency exit door. She was screaming for help. I reached through the door regardless of a warning sign stating that it would sound an alarm (no alarm sounded), following the girl across to the car where her father was sitting in the passenger seat partially conscious and struggling to breathe.
His wife was trying to figure out what was transpiring while I quickly triaged the situation, noting that he had a weak, irregular pulse. My training kicked in, putting me to go through the ABC's of a first responder: airway, breathing and circulation. My husband joined me and we were able to get the

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Feedback

Gold Star Politicking

To the Editor:
This is the Bill Cronin ("Appalled by Trump - a Winner's View," 8/11) and others who don't like Donald Trump. Let me first say, I, too, am an old (disabled) veteran, having served six years in the Army. John McCain, like John Kerry, is not a hero and I am not a hero. I served this country to protect its freedom, something we are losing. Mr. Cronin, you don't know what the hell you are talking about. Trump is the only man who will put this country back on track to become great again.
Trump says and does things most people don't have the guts to do or say. He calls it like it is. First of all, he did not meet the Muslim soldier, U.S. Army Captain (the martyr) Khan. He insulted his father, Kater Kahn, and rightly so.
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Commentary

Was Pinnacle of Rock Reached 50 Years Ago?

By BILL BOONIV
I was alone. I started the work, I didn't know what I would find there. Another site, where maybe I could see another kind of record there? Only then I suddenly see something that makes me think I really ought to get out my Anselcor.
Yes, there it was, still in the wooden cabinet where it has been kept for so many years. It's not at all in bad shape, given how long it's been in my possession. And no, I'm not talking about one of those post-hardcore six-shooters that we used to breathless cap-snapping, imitations of when we were kids. I'm rather referring to the classic Bluebird recording that turns 50 this month - recently re-released in both Rolling Stone and The Daily Beast to be no less than the greatest rock album of all time.
A slight exaggeration, perhaps? Speaking not as a professional musicologist, but as a lifelong lover of most types of music:

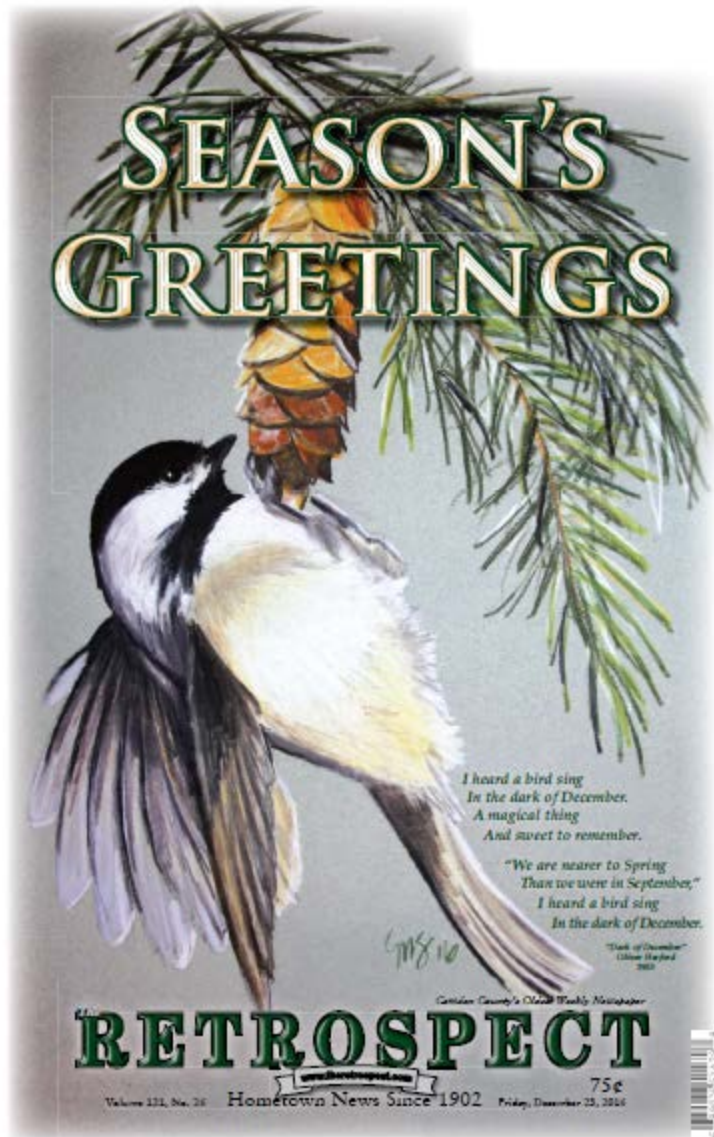


...except, perhaps, for top-notch and progressive jazz - and the cover of various vintage LPs, I think Anselcor could fairly be characterized as one of the low pop albums of its age whose appeal doesn't seem dated by any degree. It

also marks the ascent of the most acclaimed and accomplished rock band in history from lumpy-bopper (initially to virtuosic versatility - and within a mere four years' time, at that. And it most certainly served as a sort of "demonstration disc" that showed the medium's potential for innovation, the development of what I'd describe as distinct discourses and above all, perpetuity.
That's why the realization that it's now half-way to becoming an actual antique - an old as a record from 1916 would have been the year I got it - seems so strange, and even a little scary. How could something that's been around for so long continue to sound so contemporary?
Particularly timeless are some of its Lennon-McCartney themes that range from the feelings of loneliness, neglect and isolation reflected in "Eleanor Rigby" complete with a string ensemble accompaniment that could

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Season's Greetings

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Letters

Replenishment Losses

To the Editor:
As the beach replenishment project nears its end, we have miles of beach replenished. Courses of course need filled with sharp stuff pieces. We have sharp stones that are difficult for the elderly and young families, and long distances from the dunes to the water's edge. We have an elevated beach where it is no longer possible to see children play in the surf. We have dangerous, steep slopes in the water and waves crashing in the walking areas. Rather than typical shore dune fencing on the walkways, we now have split rail fencing more typical of inland areas. Without our usual sandbars we now have sharks and stingrays being caught in the surf. Maybe it's unrealistic, but we don't have outdoor waste incinerators. Come see the rolling waves, the surfers, the Hoopie Islanders. Come see our protective jetties and the fishermen they attracted. Come see the views of the beach from almost all of the homes.

The replenishment probably protected certain areas of the island from storm surges, but it was an overall fail and did nothing to protect our island from the most devastating result of Sandy, flooding from the bay. We have enjoyed 27 years of paradise and are sad to see it go.

Terrie and Gary Wolfman
Beach Haven

We Love Lucy

To the Editor:
The number of people on LBI who remember the Lucy Lloyd (1949-1972) is shrinking year by year. The Lucy was a three-masted schooner that was beached at the site of the present Hay Village and used as a gift shop by the Town until she was lost in a fire.

Jeanette Lloyd and I are initiating a new PowerPoint presentation on the Lucy Lloyd, scheduled for Monday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the LBI Museum. As part of that we would like to encourage all former "Lucy girls" to attend and share their reminiscences with the audience. Jeanette was a Lucy girl herself for several years.

Please also bring your Lucy memorabilia for a show and tell after the talk.

Don Marr
Long Beach Island Historical Association

32 Years Later ...

To the Editor:
Last week while working, a guy approached me to inform me that his family enjoyed visiting and vacationing in my home for six weeks in 1984. With that, I thanked him for paying for my daughter's wedding that year.

He admired the changes made to the house since then and asked if I lived on LBI year 'round, to which I responded affirmatively. He then asked what do I do to occupy my time, to which I responded that I am a member of the LBI Kiwanis Club, Beach Haven Yacht Club, play golf, play bridge, pinocle and mah jong at the St. Francis Senior Center and belong to the Harnett Light Hook Club. With that, Tom sprouted away toward his sister's house nearby and called back to me that he would soon return. Upon returning, Tom had a book in his hand and asked me if I had a pen. Tom showed me my pen and undeposited *Beach Haven Times*, his first fiction novel that had recently been published and gotten rave reviews in the New York Times.

Tom had an extraordinary career as a U.S. Secret Service agent for several years before retiring.



My book of 20 years of art, "The Mary Summers" is available locally and online at www.lesleegann.com

I found his book to be intriguing and look forward to the sequel he is presently writing.

Mary Brown
Lowellville

Cat Efforts Thwarted

To the Editor:
A group of people who live in Myrtle Island Road a colony of feral cats that live on the beach. Through the years they have caught most of them and had them spayed or neutered and returned them to the colony. Recently, a woman who lives on the block has been going to the beach and taking the cats' food, and

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Summers and Sandbars: Recalling 'LBI Time'



TIMELESS TREASURE: Summer could only be summer at 60th Street, the author's family's 100-plus-year-old home in Brant Beach.

By ISABELLA WELCH
As a child, time works quite differently than it does for adults. For instance, I explicitly remember the way I viewed the calendar year as a young girl. There was Halloween time, Christmas time, holiday time, lots of blank, colorless months of school time and then there was summer time. I didn't call it or think of it as summer time. In my day, French-bracketed

Speak Easy

head, it was LBI Time.
I am not one of the blessed children born into a high-brow, old-money East Coast family, nor did I benefit from a large Kennedy-esque beach estate. In fact, I am not even from the East Coast at all. A California native down to my Grand Dad's boomtown paternal ancestors, I should technically be more at home amongst the Santa Cruz
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Time's Running Out

To the Editor:
In the spring I wrote a letter to this paper on the subject of the LBI School District's plan to enter into a conversation with the borough of Ship Bottom about selling the LBI School to the borough, which would keep the property in community hands. I am happy to report that those discussions are still underway, and that the board of education remains committed to its efforts to bring such a deal to fruition.

I am, however, concerned about the potential deal's future.
In the spring letter, I stated that we would need the support of two LBI municipalities for such a sale to occur. We need this support because the sale to Ship Bottom, if a deal can be reached, will be at below market value and will almost certainly require a referendum to raise the funds to finance the modifications and additions to the L.I. School. We do not appear to have that unanimous support at this time.

I further stated that we do not have unlimited time within which to finalize this sale. The LBI School will apparently require extensive repairs for students to occupy the building after September 2017. It does not make sense to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair a building we are going to vacate and sell.

Yes, relocating LBI School students to L.I. is part of the consolidation plan, and we can accommodate those students (without placing them in trailers) even before the expansion of L.I. is complete. Still, we want to limit, as much as possible, the potential time that the entire pre-K through sixth grade student body is "packed" into the existing L.I. square footage.

I said in the spring letter that we would not miss our opportunity to go for a referendum in December. I was wrong, unfortunately. We will now miss December. The March 2017 referendum is our next opportunity, at which point there will be very little time left on the clock.

For all of these reasons, while we continue to talk with Ship Bottom about a possible sale at below market value, we must prepare for the very real possibility that Ship Bottom will not make a similar offer we will be able to accept — a viable offer to the board for the purchase of the LBI School property. Part of that preparation will be to meet with people

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THE SHORE
State wins ruling on taking land for dunes. **B2**

SOUTH JERSEY

8 years for killing over noisy birds

David P. Giordano appears in court in Camden with his lawyer, Dennis Wixted. **ALEXANDRO A. ALVAREZ / Staff Photographer**

The Voorhees defendant, who had faced up to 30 years, had cited self-defense in the dispute over a neighbor's pets.

By Barbara Boyer
STAFF WRITER

David P. Giordano told a state judge Wednesday that he lived an honorable life.

That is, he said, until he killed his neighbor, 52-year-old Michael Taylor, in 2012 during a fight about Taylor's noisy pet birds.

On Wednesday, Giordano, 65, of Voorhees, stood stoically before Superior Court Judge Samuel D. Natal in Camden asking for mercy during his sentencing hearing.

"I'm truly sorry," Giordano said, turning toward Taylor's relatives and friends in the gallery. "My true intentions were to protect myself."

In February, a jury rejected self-defense and instead convicted Giordano of aggravated manslaughter and possession of a weapon for unlawful purposes. He was acquitted of first-degree murder but was still facing a potential 30-year sentence.

Natal imposed an eight-year sentence Wednesday, noting that Giordano, a National Guard veteran with no previous criminal history, would have responded well to a probationary sentence. That was not an option, Natal said, reviewing sentencing requirements. Giordano was immediately sentenced to eight years in prison.

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Poll: Rejection of casino expansion likely

REGULAR IDEA
DAN WINE

There are undoubtedly opposed to the New Jersey casino expansion, according to a poll from the Atlantic City, N.J., Chamber of Commerce for Public Policy. The poll showed that 60 percent

of 77 percent of those surveyed oppose the expansion, while 33 percent support it. The poll was conducted by the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce for Public Policy. The poll was released on Oct. 27.

but questions remain for some casinos. The poll was conducted by the Atlantic City Chamber of Commerce for Public Policy. The poll was released on Oct. 27.

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The former McDonald's restaurant at North Wildwood has been demolished and is now a vacant lot. The building was demolished last week.

McDonald's not lovin' North Wildwood

Seasonal restaurant closes, leaving prominent location vacant

MARTIN DEANGELIS
DAN WINE

McDonald's has bought the North Wildwood location that operated only seasonally for years in the North Jersey beach town and closed the building over the main restaurant for the city.

The city work, construction kept being working in "the area" of the place, as Mayor Frank Bonanno put it.

In other words, the workers have been demolishing the structure. McDonald's took down the local building of a chain known for its "golden arches."

Most of the job has involved adding a new layer onto the building's roof.

But it was difficult for work to get any started on when the project launched. The contractor ran into all



The former McDonald's restaurant in North Wildwood, which operated only seasonally, was demolished last week. Photo by Dan Wine.

the way for the project. The work on the closed restaurant, located on Bywater Terrace near New Jersey Turnpike, has been mostly in the town. Several contractors are working on the restaurant and they haven't started anything on

the job yet for the North Wildwood. McDonald's said the location, at North Wildwood's main access road to the Cape May County Courthouse and the Garden State Parkway, is in a commercial zone.

Junior's moves into roomier EHT home

MARTIN DEANGELIS
DAN WINE

SEEKING A NEW HOME? The former Junior's restaurant in Atlantic City is now a roomier home for EHT. The building was demolished last week.

Junior's has been working on the new home for the restaurant since the demolition of the old building. The new home is a two-story building that will house the restaurant's operations.

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U.S. workers gain jobs, raises

CHRISTOPHER A. BRIGANCE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Workers enjoyed their best pay raises in more than a decade as unemployment added 151,000 jobs. The government said in the last major report of a labor force decline, showing that the economy is recovering from the recession.

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Bank of America	28.00	27.75	+0.9%	Microsoft	31.00	30.75	+0.8%
Bojiac	1.00	0.95	+5.3%	Oracle	21.00	20.75	+1.0%
Charmelle	1.00	0.95	+5.3%	Twitter	14.00	13.75	+1.5%
ConocoPhillips	75.00	74.00	+1.3%	Yahoo	45.00	44.50	+1.1%
CVS	55.00	54.00	+1.8%	Zillow	25.00	24.50	+2.0%
Delta	28.00	27.50	+1.8%	Amazon	115.00	114.00	+0.9%
Exxon	45.00	44.00	+2.3%	Google	28.00	27.50	+1.8%
General Electric	20.00	19.50	+2.6%	Facebook	55.00	54.00	+1.8%
Home Depot	55.00	54.00	+1.8%	LinkedIn	18.00	17.50	+2.9%
Johnson & Johnson	65.00	64.00	+1.5%	Slack	12.00	11.50	+4.3%
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Novartis	35.00	34.00	+2.9%	Evernote	15.00	14.50	+3.4%
Pfizer	25.00	24.00	+4.2%	Box	10.00	9.75	+2.6%
Procter & Gamble	25.00	24.00	+4.2%	Asana	12.00	11.50	+4.3%
United Therapeutics	15.00	14.00	+7.1%	Basecamp	10.00	9.75	+2.6%
Verizon	45.00	44.00	+2.3%	Buffer	8.00	7.75	+3.1%
Walmart	25.00	24.00	+4.2%	CloudMunk	10.00	9.75	+2.6%
Yield	1.00	0.95	+5.3%	DeskTime	10.00	9.75	+2.6%

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Better Living

Bill Envelope: Some folks like a little extra in their lives, and on their plates as well.



First Course: Feds will use little sugar cookie-flavored capsules.

The home-care option for the aging carries tough challenges

by JOHN PETRICK

While providing care for aging isn't a luxury, it's certainly a challenge. It can be daunting for the caregiver, and for the aging individual. It's not just the physical challenges of aging, but the emotional and financial challenges as well. The home-care option for the aging carries tough challenges, and it's not just the physical challenges of aging, but the emotional and financial challenges as well. The home-care option for the aging carries tough challenges, and it's not just the physical challenges of aging, but the emotional and financial challenges as well.

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The home-care option for the aging carries tough challenges; Gone overboard; A rare breed

John Petrick
Staff Writer

FOOD EXPERTS ADVISE HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM YOUR DOGGY BAG

It's a great idea to eat what you love, but when it comes to leftovers, it's not always the best idea. Food experts advise how to get the best from your doggy bag.

Some basics:

- **Refrigerate** leftovers as soon as possible to keep them safe.
- **Use within 3-4 days** for most foods.
- **Reheat** thoroughly before eating.
- **Don't** eat leftovers that have been left at room temperature for more than 2 hours.
- **Don't** eat leftovers that have been frozen for more than 3 months.
- **Don't** eat leftovers that have been thawed and refrozen.
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Pizza

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The cast of the Absegami High School Drama production of "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" features (from left, Victoria Williams and Earl Marchuk; middle row, Rebecca Hennessey, Mikael Rogan, Mara Kadine Platt, Abby Alvine, Spencer Lyons, Miranda Muritz and Courtney Jones; and back row, Grace Va, Britanna Gargione, Chloe Weidner, Stephen Gargione, Lisa Feltman, Rick Mangold, Billy Platt and Andrew Ng.

Charlie Brown comes to Absegami

GALLOWAY — The Absegami High School Drama Club will present the Broadway revival of the musical comedy, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2 and 3, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4 in the Performing Arts Center.

The production will feature notable stage such as "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," "My New Philosophy," "Supportive" and "Happines."

The play stars junior Spencer Lyons as Charlie Brown, senior Mikael Rogan as Lucy, sophomore Courtney Alvine as Snoopy, junior Barrett Marchuk as Linus, freshman Mara Platt as Sally and freshman Mikael Rogan as Schroeder.

The show also features Victoria Williams, Rebecca Hennessey, Chloe Weidner, Billy Platt, Andrew Ng, Lisa Feltman, Britanna Gargione, Grace Va, Courtney Jones, Rick Mangold and Stephen Gargione.

The production is under the direction of Absegami High School drama teacher Chlo Garrison, with See CHARLIE on Page 22

Galloway set to take next step toward redevelopment

BY MADELAINE VITALE Staff Writer

GALLOWAY — Township officials plan to introduce an ordinance that would provide financial incentives for commercial and residential property owners to revitalize their properties and possibly kick-start the sagging economy.

Township Planner Tiffany Cavaliello said Township Council would introduce an ordinance on the plan at its Tuesday, Nov. 22 council meeting, and she plans to outline the redevelopment plan at a special Planning Board meeting Dec. 9. To become law it would have to be approved by the Planning Board and the ordinance adopted by Township Council.

The redevelopment plan encourages development throughout the municipality and targets certain commercial areas.

"For redevelopment you have to find a niche — a stagnation in that area," Cavaliello said. "We have identified the problems and how we can fix them."

As of August Galloway had 944 properties that were either abandoned, foreclosed or taken over by the bank — roughly 7 percent of the housing stock in the township of about 40,000.

Barrett Outdoor on Tilson Road took advantage of economic incentives to set up shop in the massive building formerly owned by Lantec, and Cavaliello said other businesses could benefit from redevelopment incentives and tax abatements.

"We need to do more and give more incentives. Our advanced plan provides for not just rehabilitation with tax abatements for five years, but for different loans and grants you wouldn't get otherwise," Cavaliello said.

Other areas in the township, specifically the East Course of the Blue Horse Farm and the housing of Roswell Winery, are prime areas for redevelopment incentives.

Cavaliello said the township is looking to improve the entire community and housing is a vital part. That is why the redevelopment plan specifies making improvements to residential properties.

According to the draft, the redevelopment plan would provide a "road overview for the planning, development, redevelopment and rehabilitation of the township for purposes of improving conditions" in the township.

The redevelopment plan is a See ECONOMIC on Page 22

Kettlebell lifting allows record holder to juggle wife, 3 kids

BY MADELAINE VITALE Staff Writer

GALLOWAY — When Russell "Big Bear" Demuthick went to his mailbox Tuesday, Nov. 17 he got ready what he was hoping for a certificate that designates him a new Guinness World Record holder for weightlifting.

Demuthick set a new record for the most weight lifted in a kettlebell class and press in one hour with his set of 16,040 kg.

The record-setting of Galloway, made the record-setting 107 July 24 at Tilson Fitness in Northfield.

"He beat the previous record by far," Demuthick's wife Karen said. "It's a pretty exciting achievement that not too many people accomplish, and I'm really proud of him."

To become a Guinness World Record holder, Demuthick had to have proven the feat with a video and witnesses.

The review period took a few months.

Russ Demuthick said he was introduced to kettlebells by his friend and co-worker Steve Younger five or six years ago.

"At the time he was doing more traditional weightlifting."

"Initially I used the kettlebells as a complementary exercise on off days from training. I got into power lifting and did a competition in that sport," he said.

"The while training for the next competition he hurt his back."

"The kettlebell swing, when done properly, is a great rehab tool for the back. It was at this point I realized I'm never going to be an elite power lifer at heavyweight — I'm 6 feet 4 inches tall and 350 pounds, and I can't miss work getting hurt lifting weights."

So he changed his workout routine over completely to kettlebells, which he said has been a major advantage because of his busy lifestyle.

"Since there's no changing of weight plates or machines, what used to be a two hour at least — a workout can be done in 40 minutes," he said. "That comes in handy with a wife and three kids."

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Russell Demuthick of Galloway holds the Guinness World Record certificate he received in weightlifting.



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Future Business Leaders of America install new officers at Absegami High School. Page 14

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53 Group II champions Cedar Creek to defend their title against West Deptford Dec. 4 at Rowan. Page 24

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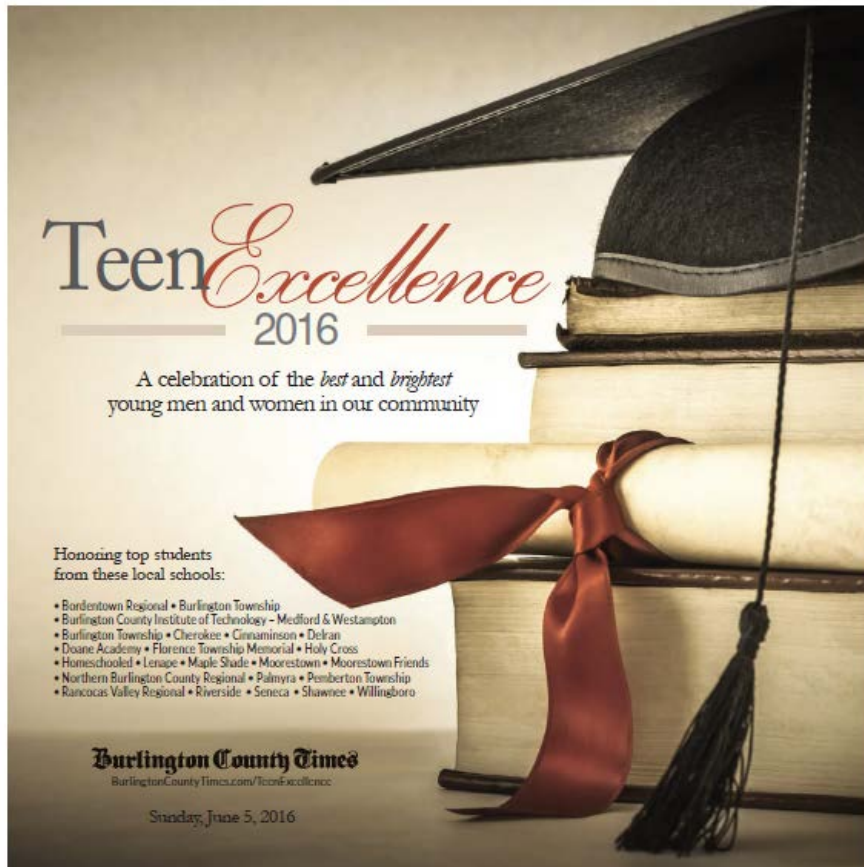
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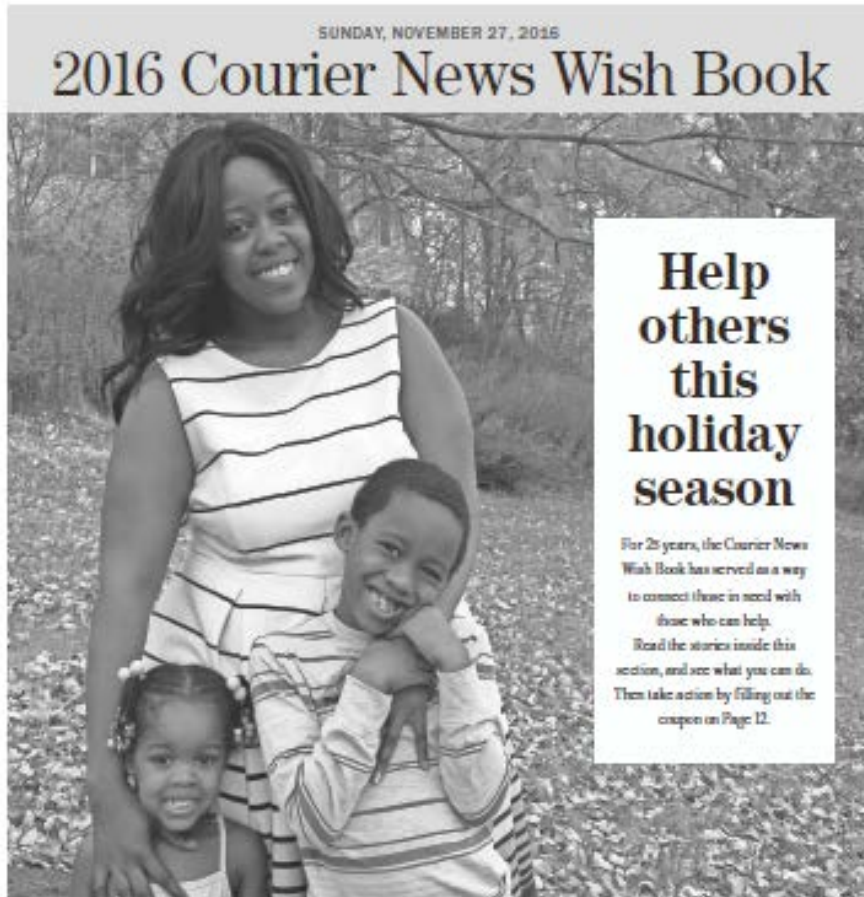
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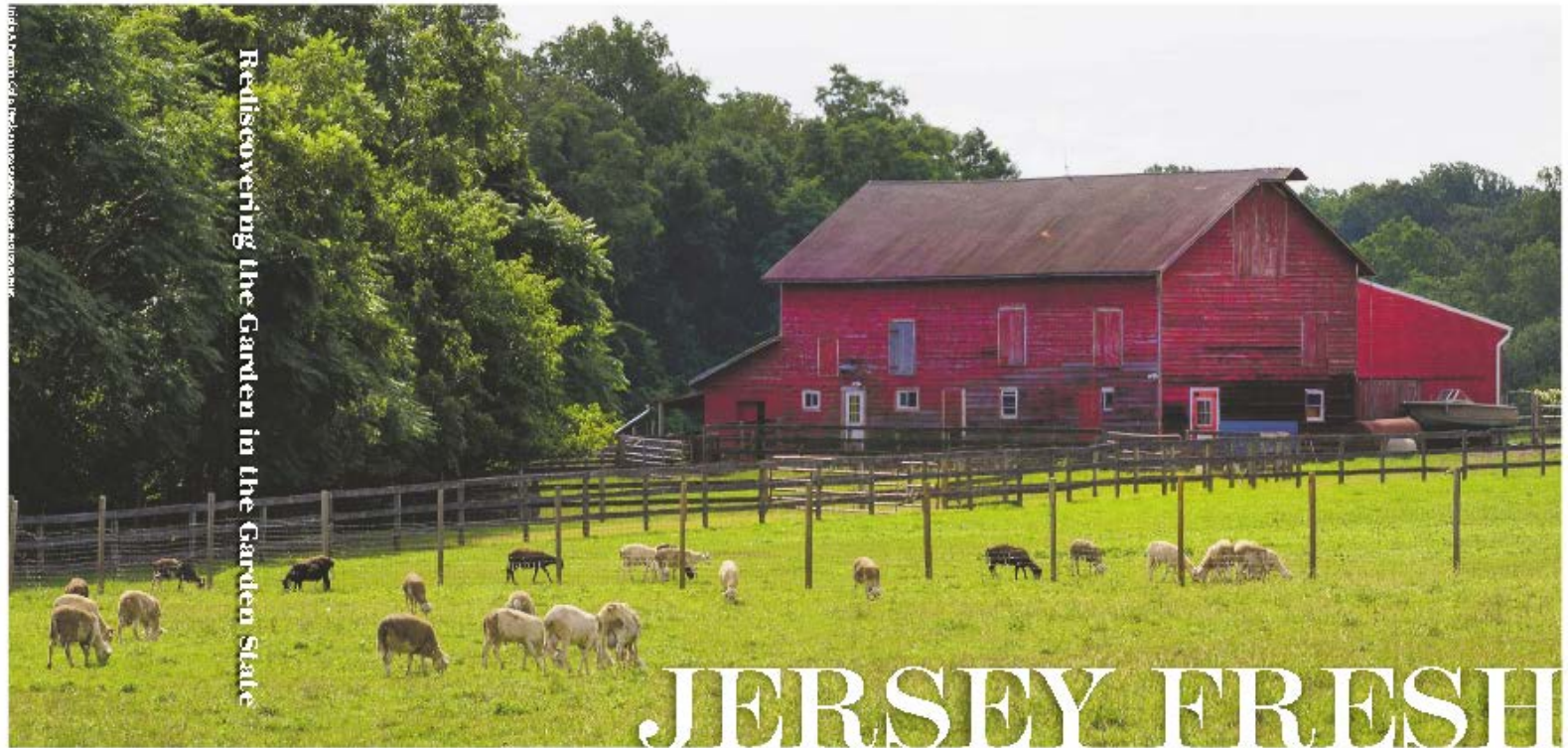
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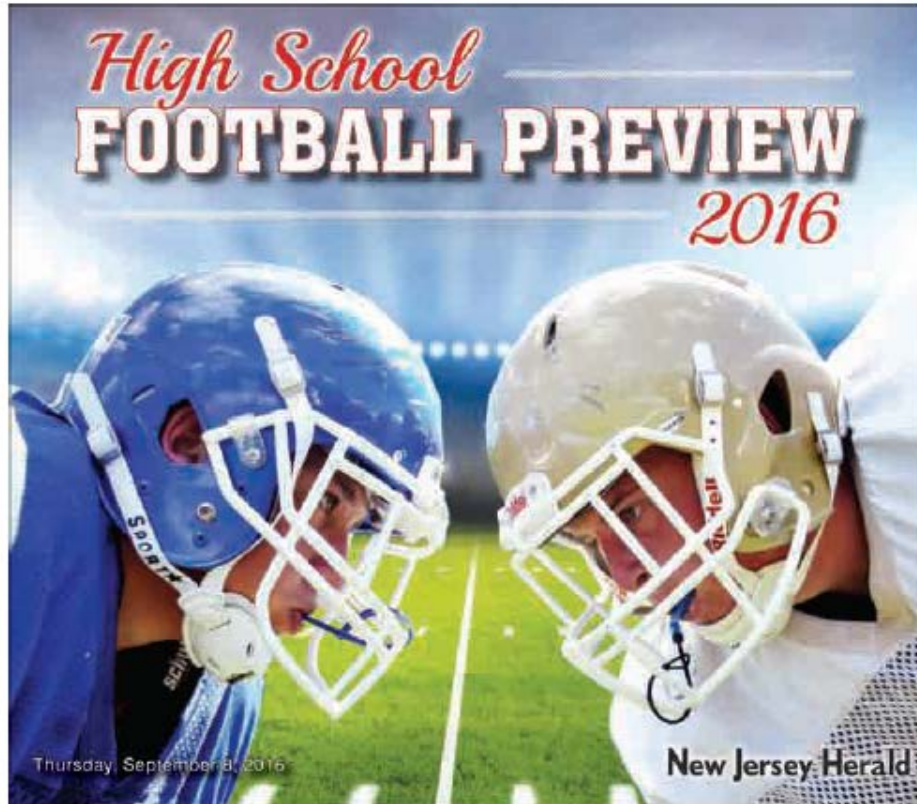
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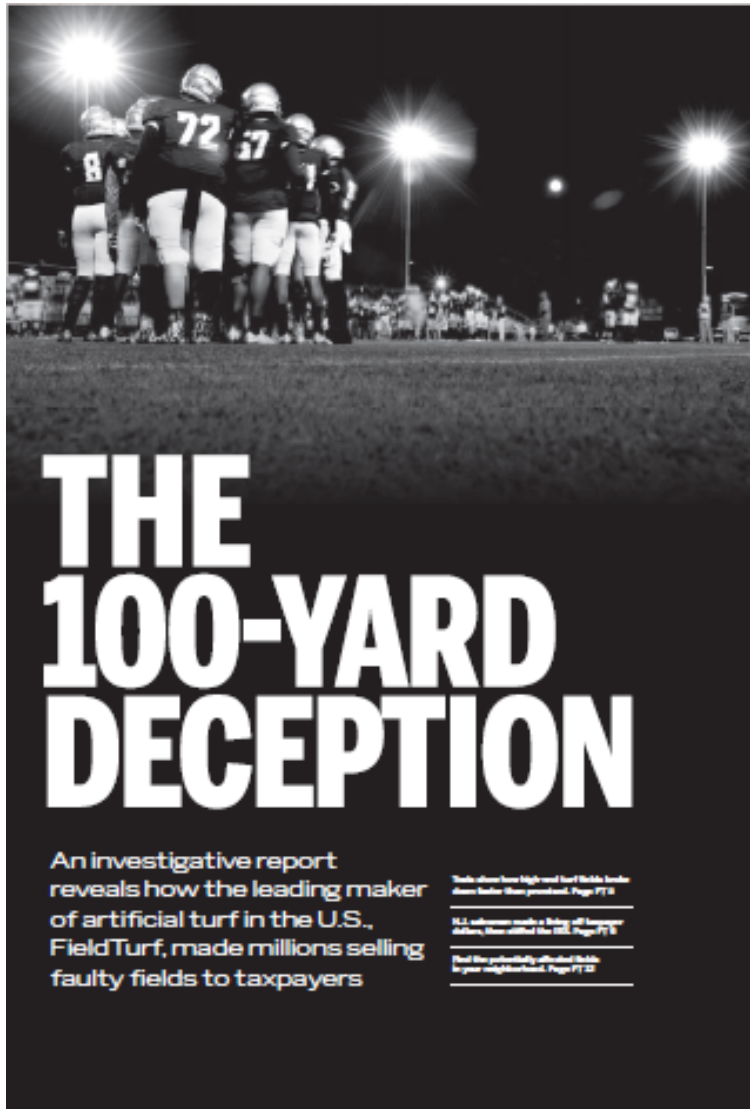
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Longport asks residents to conserve water

By NANETTE
LoBiondo Galloway
Staff Writer

LONGPORT — The soil here isn't dry, but the surface water table conditions are spurring a drive without a national effort to cut usage here.

Longport officials are concerned that rising small cottages and bungalows and replacing them with larger, said some-bedroom luxury homes is stressing the borough's aging water system.

Officials are examining setting limits on water consumption at the height of the summer in hopes that it might extend the life of the system, which could cost more than \$2.5 million to replace.

They also expressed concern at the commission's Jan. 17 work session that potential privatization of utilities in Atlantic City

would spread to Township towns.

"There's been a movement to privatize water in some areas. Longport has the cheapest charges for water and sewer, and we have good quality water," Mayor Nicholas Russo said. "I don't want to see privatization in this area because people have said it will be more expensive for the residents."

According to borough engineer Richard Carter, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection wants the deep wells on nearby islands eliminated.

"They just don't like it," he said.

If Atlantic City privatizes its water system, the NJDEP would force interconnection with adjacent municipalities, he said. Additionally, the state could deny the borough's application to put in a new well and force it to join another water system.

Population in the tiny

borough grows from 880 year-round residents to 15,000 on weekends during the summer, which stresses the water system.

Carter has said previously that the borough should invest in a capital account to cover the cost of building and replacing water mains once a year. Reading meters in May and October would provide a more accurate accounting of water usage, Carter said.

"I would like to see us make it a bit more positive for those using over the amount, and coming up with some kind of reward for those who use less," Russo said.

All borough residents pay one rate, whether or not they go over the annual allotment.

Moving to odd-even sprinkler days would allow the municipality to address the problem, he said.

"I would like to see something done," Russo said.

Options on the table are limiting lawn watering to odd-even days, doing water readings twice a year, and splitting each housing unit's 75,000-gallon allotment into two half-year allotments of 37,500 gallons each.

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water use coverage charges

are \$1.89 per thousand for 75,000-100,000 gallons, \$2 per thousand for 101,000-125,000 gallons, and \$3.15 for over 125,000 gallons.

"While many residents are asked to pay more for the water they use, water conservation is the issue that affects the larger community," Russo said.

"I think those who can afford it need to get the message that we are a community, and they must be considered about the cost to their neighbors," he said.

Carter said he would communicate with Longport property owners about the need for water conservation through the borough's periodic newsletter, Town Topics.

He asked Chief Financial Officer James Kelly to find out if the borough's financial software system can accommodate twice-yearly billing.

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The Current of Ventnor, Margate and Longport

Longport asks residents to conserve water

Nanette LoBiondo Galloway

By NANETTE
LoBiondo Galloway
Staff Writer

VENTNOR — This city may see a \$200 annual fee on abandoned properties to pay for their maintenance and help the city with code enforcement.

On Jan. 21 at the Board of Commissioners introduced an amendment to its ordinance governing abandoned real property which, if adopted, would permit Ventnor to join a countywide foreclosure registry program intended to help the city identify those responsible for maintaining vacant properties.

If the ordinance is approved, the city would enter into a shared service

agreement with the Atlantic County Improvement Authority, which would be the registry program to assist municipalities and prevent the deterioration of neighborhoods.

After soliciting proposals from qualified firms, ACA awarded a contract at its November meeting to Community Champion Corporation, which will administer the program. Community Champion maintains a database of mortgage and banking companies that hold mortgages on properties that are in foreclosure. It will use the information to assist municipalities in managing problem properties to ensure they remain compliant with municipal codes and regulations.

The company has

indicated that Ventnor currently has 291 properties in active foreclosures, Venice Code Enforcement Officer Jimmy Agostino said.

"I believe things will get worse before they get better. This allows you to link someone to do all your paperwork — you could spend all day on the phone going from one bank to another," he said.

"This eliminates the city trying to find the person responsible and give our mobile property ordinance some teeth," solicitor Amy Whitehead said.

Language in the ordinance states that the present mortgage foreclosure crisis has had a negative impact on neighborhoods that can lead to a

decline in property values and cause blight and public safety concerns.

Abandoned real property is defined as any vacant or unoccupied property that has a mortgage in default or is in foreclosure by the lender. The property is considered abandoned until it is sold to a new owner.

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Officials: Mold under control at school

By Andrew Martins
Managing Editor

12 Hillsboro Hills High School officials are confident mold under control at the school, after a week of testing showed no more than 100 spores per cubic foot, according to a report from the state health department. The school district's mold remediation team, led by Hillsboro High School Principal Robert L. Smith, said the mold was under control and that the school was safe for students to return. The school district's mold remediation team, led by Hillsboro High School Principal Robert L. Smith, said the mold was under control and that the school was safe for students to return.

Active shooter! Drill simulates armed assault, hostages in municipal building

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Fire in apartment claims three lives

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26-Member Run For the Fallen Team Honors New Jersey's Military Heroes

David Biggy Writer

CURRENTS

Town Council Hears Beach Haven West's Continued Concerns

Pavilion, Code Enforcement at Issue

Beach Haven West residents continue to voice their grievances with regard to the design plan for the Mill Creek Pavilion, insisting they want and deserve a facility comparable to what they had prior to Superstorm Sandy, complete with an oven and storage space. The town is saying no, citing insurance and maintenance liability. The pavilion won't be built until the Bay Avenue Community Center is finished and the town pursues membership funds from FEMA and

then uses that money to engineer and finalize the plans and build the Mill Creek Pavilion.

The Beach Haven West Civic Association's Elicho Gilchrist heads a citizens committee dedicated to keeping the town leaders on task on the community center project. But some council members were dissatisfied with a recent meeting between said committee and Mayor John Spodolera and Councilman Alan Smith, according to letters exchanged afterward.

At the Sept. 13 council meeting, civic association President Dawn Papadopoulos publicly questioned the council, asking who exactly was dissatisfied, and why. Spodolera said retirement "argonauts" were unsatisfied.

"This is the first we're hearing that you're not going to give us an oven in the kitchen, and I'm really not happy about it," Papadopoulos said. "We really want the oven, and I don't know what we're going to have to do."

In a separate matter, some Beach Haven West residents feel they should have their own code enforcement officer, but Spodolera said, "I personally do not feel I need to assign a person just to work on Beach Haven West."

Township Administrator James Moran looked at the statistics for the Beach Haven West section of the 50-square-mile town. In the last three years, the town has succeeded 692 new homes have been built, which amounts to seven to 10 inspections per home, 566 demolitions, 582 ratings, multiple inspections with each, in all, some 2,000 zoning permits issued. Since January, 200 zoning complaints have been answered in Beach Haven West alone.

"Certainly we are doing a very active and effective job in Beach Haven West," Moran said. "I would take an army" of code enforcers to police all 4,000 homes on a daily basis, he added. More than 50 "unimproved" homes have been removed in the last six months, he added, and Stafford is working with the state on a potential hazard mitigation project to raise additional levies.

While the best way to prevent flu is vaccination, the health department also offers the following tips to help stop the spread of germs and prevent illness:

• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
• Stay home when ill to prevent spreading illness to others.
• Cover mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing.
• Wash hands often. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
• Practice other good health habits: Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces, especially when someone in the household, work place or classrooms is ill; get enough sleep; be physically active; manage stress; eat plenty of fruits, and eat nutritious food.
For more information about influenza, the high-dose vaccine and hand hygiene, visit the website for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at cdc.gov.
The health department's clinic schedule will be posted on its website, fluhc.com. Call the department at 609-492-1212 for details. —J.K. JJ



John Kama-Holt



David Biggy

A SALUTE TO THOSE LOST: (From top) The Run for the Fallen row team takes through Ship Bottom on Sept. 25; the team stops at American Legion Post 212 in Barnegat to honor the memory of SFC Jean Smith.

26-Member Run For the Fallen Team Honors New Jersey's Military Heroes

By DAVID BIGGY

The family of Chief Warrant Officer Paul Innocent III had a bottle of champagne waiting in their Beach Haven Gardens summer home refrigerator for when Paul returned home from Haiti, Lebanon. Paul never made it home after he and 240 others were killed by a truck bomb at a Marine compound on Oct. 25, 1983.

"The bottle is still in the refrigerator, and it survived Superstorm Sandy," said Mark Innocent, Paul's younger brother, who on Sept. 23 landed at 1 West Ryerson Lane the union New Jersey Run for the Fallen team during the middle of the four-day, 150-mile trek from Cape May to Haddonfield in honor of the state's fallen military heroes.

"We've had this home in the family for about 45 years, and Paul was engaged in this home and honeymooned here. And it

was really awesome to be able to have such a big family celebration, with so many of our brothers and sisters from our military family here, in honor of Paul. It's hard to describe it in words. I only wish my parents were around to see it."

Following last year's Run for the Fallen, the Innocent family had asked organizers to move Paul's "Hero Marker" to the corner of West Ryerson and Long Beach Boulevard.

"The group's president, Mike Stepan, and his local coordinator, Gene O'Grady, allowed us to have it right in front of the house," Innocent said. "And they were going to have the team dinner at a restaurant, and we thought that was too impersonal. So we offered and arranged to have all of them come to our house."

Six weeks before the run was scheduled to kick off in Cape May, Paul Innocent Jr. passed away, but Mark, brother Scott and the rest of the family agreed to keep the plans intact.

"On his death bed, my dad requested that we still have the dinner at our house, so that's what we did," said Innocent, whose celebration included some 90 people, and the run team, which arrived about 6:30 p.m., was treated to volunteer services by a crew of medical and wellness personnel.

"It's a day of thank-you, really. The run team is thanking us for the sacrifice we made, and we're thanking them because they keep Paul's memory alive."

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On Friday, the run team and its crew of support staff left Seaman Point and made its way northwest, eventually ending up in Mystic Island, Tuckerton and Little Egg Harbor, before moving on through West Creek and part of Stafford Township, then crossing over to the island, where they first went north through Harney Cove, Loveladies and Harnegal Light before heading

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TEAM BUILDING
The Davidson family of Glen Ridge, dubbed The Constructors, search for places to create a fairly tale-themed project. Clockwise from left: Shalee, 11, Kaitly, 9, and Mac Davidson, 11. The Glen Ridge Public Library held a Family Lego Building Challenge on March 19 to celebrate N.J. Make and Day. Families could set up anywhere, bringing their own Legos or borrowing pieces from the library's Lego collection. After a surprise there was announced (they take it, each team had 45 minutes to complete their project, with judging by local architects and artists. See more photos on page 3.
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Borough looking at laws in response to shop; Like a party from another galaxy; Borough may set rules for keeping chickens

Borough looking at laws in response to shop

**BY ERIN ROLL
Staff Writer**
A proposed new vape shop has a number of residents blowing smoke out their ears.
The Arcade building on Haddonfield Avenue has a vacant section that is slated to become the home of a vape shop.
In response, residents have started a petition asking the borough to revise its zoning laws in order to prohibit similar shops from operating in a commercial dis-

trict in the future.
"Quite frankly, this isn't what the community wants," said resident Kimberly Curtis, who along with her husband Craig began circulating the petition this month.
As of March 14, the petition had gathered more than 270 signatures.
What has several persons worried is that the new store is going to be in the Arcade, which is within walking distance of Glen Ridge High School, Hedgeswood Avenue School and two of the borough's

athletic fields.
"We're not all naive. Our kids are going to be exposed to things, but we don't think it should be so blatant," Curtis said.
During the most recent borough

council meeting, Borough Attorney John Mayska said that there wasn't anything the borough could do to keep the business from opening, since all of its paperwork was in order.
The Ultra Group, the Hedgeswood-based owners of the Arcade, could not be reached for comment by phone Monday afternoon.
"Vaping" is a slang term for the use of electronic cigarettes, or electronic nicotine delivery systems. The devices do not contain tobacco, but generally contain other

chemicals, including nicotine and various flavorings.
Because the devices are relatively new, the health issues associated with electronic cigarettes are uncertain. There have been some claims that the device may be used to help tobacco smokers quit. However, both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American Academy of Pediatrics have raised concerns about e-cigarettes and similar devices.
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by RYAN LOUGHLIN

"There's no earthly way of knowing which direction we are going..." — Willy Wonka

Atlantic City has always been a place of dreams... a place that has historically attracted local and non-local promoters to show to the best theatrical district whenever possible. At one time, it was known as the "City of Dreams" because of the many theaters that once thrived there. Today, the city is known as the "City of Dreams" because of the many casinos that have opened in the city since the 1970s.

The school for geniuses
In September 2014, Straub announced a plan to hire a portion of the smartest 100 people in the world to work at the casino. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino.

The return of the casinos
While Straub has repeatedly stated his intention to not make gambling the centerpiece of the resort, Casino gambling is still very much a part of the plan. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino.

The Syrian refugee shelter
In November 2015, Straub announced that he would welcome displaced Syrian refugees to stay on-site at the resort. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino.

The return of the entertainment venue
In 2012 it made waves by breaking some of the biggest acts in the world to perform at the resort. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino.

The ropes course
Straub plans for the entire resort to include a "ropes course" consisting of various climbing ropes, ziplines and other activities. The course will be built on the property and will be open to the public.

The high-speed rail lines and boats
As part of the plan to bring Atlantic City back to its former glory as a destination for those who enjoy the finer things in life, Straub announced a plan to build a high-speed rail line and a boat line. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino.

The return of the clubs
It was one thing that Revel got right: it was the clubs. From the day it opened, the resort has been known for its clubs. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino.

The waterpark
In January 2015, Straub had previously announced a plan to build a water park on the resort. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino.

The return of the restaurants
According to Straub, many of the beloved eateries that were once a part of the resort are set to return. The plan called for hiring 100 of the smartest people in the world to work at the casino.



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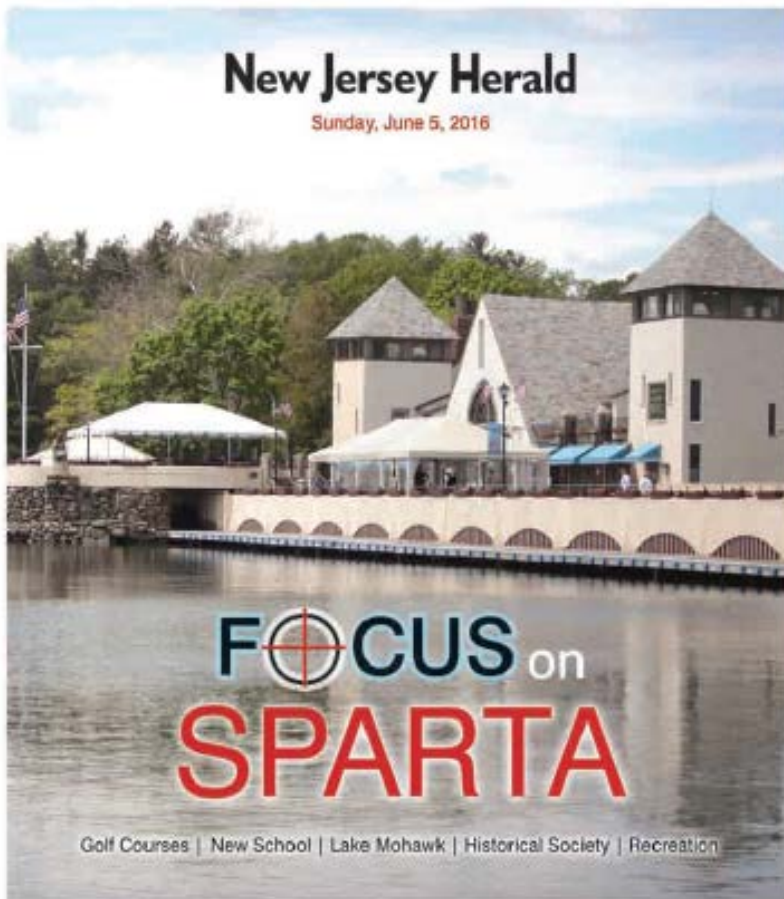
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Before the investigation
Emails, memos show what led to inquiry into leaked tests

INVESTIGATION
The state's probe into the Montclair schools' testing program is set to continue, with a focus on the investigation into the leak of test results.

SCHOOL JOINS 'STIGMA FREE CAMPUS' MOVEMENT
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AGE-FRIENDLY INITIATIVE

Seniors ask for more inclusion

By Allison Miller
Staff Writer

Transportation, health care, housing, recreation and social services are just some of the ways seniors are being included in the community. The Ridgewood News is committed to providing seniors with the information they need to live well. The paper is committed to providing seniors with the information they need to live well. The paper is committed to providing seniors with the information they need to live well.

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"There were two mistakes and that embarrassing error that happened and we wanted to be frank with everybody about that, because about it."



Calbi speaks at a meeting with the board of directors at the July 27 meeting. From left to right, are John Miller, a representative of Ridgewood Water, and Calbi, who is the director of operations.

RIDGEWOOD WATER

Calbi addresses errors in report

By Allison Miller
Staff Writer

Ridgewood Water had a meeting with the board of directors on Wednesday evening to address errors in a report. The report was prepared by the board of directors and was intended to provide information to the community. The report was prepared by the board of directors and was intended to provide information to the community.

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Tips and Recommendations for Water

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ROTARY CLUB

New president outlines plan of action



Jerry Kalkstein was elected by and installed as the new president of the Rotary Club of Ridgewood.

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POMPION AVENUE
Car crashes through building



Emergency responders work to pull out a severely injured driver from a car that crashed through the side of a building on Pompton Avenue on the morning of Sept. 23. The driver was taken to a hospital and is in critical condition.

DRIVER HOSPITALIZED AFTER COLLISION, CAUSE STILL UNKNOWN

A driver was hospitalized after a car crashed through the side of an office building on Pompton Avenue on Tuesday afternoon, Sept. 23, near the intersection with Cedar Grove Avenue.

The driver was taken to a hospital and is in critical condition. The cause of the crash is still unknown.

WOODSTONE DRIVE
Were too many trees taken down?

Residents of Cedar Grove are asking questions about the removal of a large tree on Woodstone Drive. The tree was cut down on Monday, Sept. 20, after a storm.

The tree was a large, mature tree that had been a landmark in the neighborhood. Residents are concerned that the removal of the tree will affect the appearance of the street.

HEXAVALENT CHROMIUM
Water tests above scientists' standard

Water tests in Cedar Grove show hexavalent chromium levels above the standard set by scientists. The town is working to address the issue.

AMARCISS
Local student 'Turns the Towns Teal'

A local student is making a difference in the community by turning the towns teal. She is organizing a cleanup project and raising awareness about environmental issues.

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Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks at a rally in Cleveland, Ohio.

N.J. bucks wave, supports Clinton

BY JENNIFER HERSHBERGER
 After New Jersey went with Hillary Clinton, not the favored Democratic nominee in the national election, most political analysts said that the state's vote was a surprise. Through the evening, Trump showed support in the battleground states, including Florida, Ohio and North Carolina, winning a lead in the polls and the race.

But Clinton's supporters at every turn during the race campaign, but can't make a similar prediction for the state's vote. The state's election results will be known on Nov. 8, and a comprehensive report will be published in the days following the election.

This is not what we expected and we will see the results.

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 Nation generally will vote for Trump

polls and projections, "agitation" data, a series of interviews with Clinton supporters.

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REAGAN'S OLD PROGRAM
 Trump's Plan: 100 million in tax cuts

Clinton's plan: 100 million in tax cuts

Results in 2016 on Wednesday, 100 million in tax cuts

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Trump supporters hopeful for a win

KAREN F. BRANES
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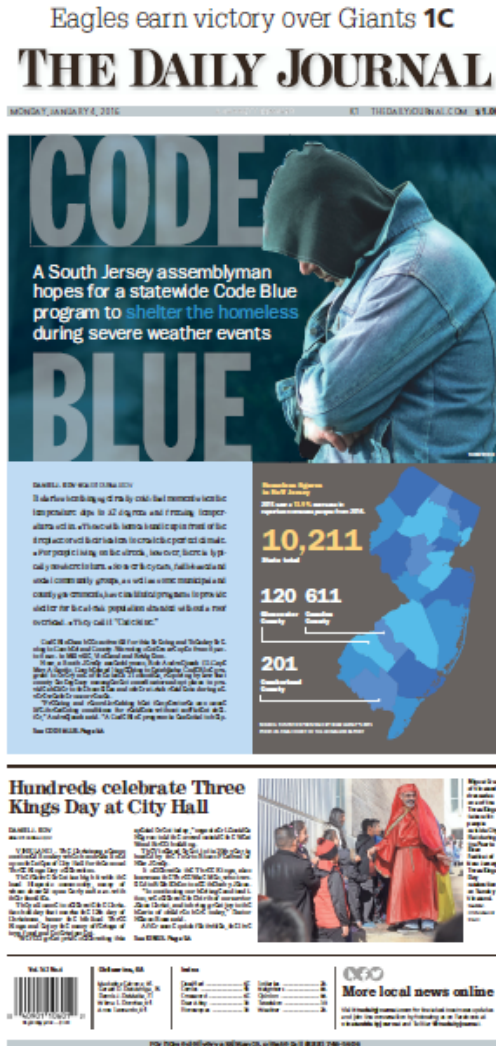
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Hazmat incident in Beach

Chemicals were found in crawl space of home

BY MICHAEL HINES

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POINT PLACASIT BEACH — Local police and county officials are investigating several residential homes that were discovered to have hazardous materials in their crawl spaces.

The homes are in the Point Placasit Beach. The Department received a call from the owner of a house on Water Street, off Ocean Avenue near the beach.

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The planned holiday of the beach, beyond the Manzanillo, was captured in these photos.

Burial at sea, for a boat

Point Beach vessel becomes part of DEP artificial reef project

POINT PLACASIT BEACH — A local fisherman's boat will become a part of the DEP's artificial reef project.

The boat was sunk 4-6 miles offshore of Manzanillo Island by operating crew.

Water main break closes Bridge Ave in Bay Head

Overnight repairs were completed Wednesday morning

The water main break on Bridge Avenue was repaired overnight.

Festival of Sea scrubbed after bomb blast

Safety is cited after incident in Seaside Park on Saturday

SEASIDE PARK — The annual Festival of the Sea was scrubbed after a bomb blast in Seaside Park on Saturday.

The blast was the first of the event to be scrubbed.

Lost event won't be rescheduled

Festival of the Sea won't be revived until next year, Chamber decides

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Italian Fest eyes sunny comeback

Spring Lake event set for Saturday after initial rainout.

BY CHRISTOPHER WENZ
PHOTO BY JIM

SPRING LAKE — This week's rainy weather couldn't dampen the enthusiasm for the organizers of the 10th Spring Lake Italian Festival, now scheduled for Saturday.

The event, originally scheduled for Oct. 1, was postponed due to inclement weather.

"We need to counteract with what the place was," said Steve Mangan, of the Spring Lake Chamber of Commerce, which is promoting the event.

"The weather report is amazing. I think we're in good shape," he said.

The chamber plans to have a host of help for the event.

ELECTION 2016



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Local races fill Nov. 8 ballots

Many towns have municipal and school board elections

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The headlines and presidential campaign may be getting all the attention, but local elections will also be taking place on Nov. 8.

The Coast Star has looked at candidates on the ballot to help voters make their choices.

Candidates will be appearing at meetings and holding town-wide meetings.

WINDY Republican committee chair John Vialto said that the election is a key moment for the state.

Each candidate will be appearing at meetings and holding town-wide meetings.

There are an additional 100 candidates running for office in the state.

Wall hotel nixed

Appellate Division upholds planning board's rejection of the proposal

BY CHRISTOPHER WENZ
PHOTO BY JIM

WALL — The Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey has upheld the planning board's rejection of a proposal to build a hotel and restaurant on the Wall.

The Appellate Division said that the planning board's decision was reasonable and in the public interest.

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Squan wine fest set for Sunday

The Squan Valley Wine Festival is set for Sunday, Oct. 23.

The festival will feature wine tastings, live music, and a variety of food.

The festival is being held at the Squan Valley Winery.

Tickets are available for purchase at the winery.

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Fall Rummage Sale a shopper's delight

First Presbyterian's annual event runs through Saturday

BY CHRISTOPHER WENZ
PHOTO BY JIM

WINDY — Every fall for more than a century, people have been flocking to the First Presbyterian Church of Wall for its annual rummage sale.

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ELECTION 2016
Candidates list finalized Monday
 Three residents vie for positions with Verona Board of Education

BY MICHAEL WOODVILLE
 Staff Writer

With two open seats and three candidates competing, the board of education would see a change in leadership as the July 28 election draws near.

Three candidates are running for the board of education, which oversees the school district's budget and oversees the superintendent of schools.

The candidates are: James J. Smith, Jr., who is currently the superintendent of schools; Joseph J. Smith, who is currently the principal of the elementary school; and Joseph J. Smith, who is currently the principal of the middle school.

The board of education will meet on Monday, July 28, at 7 p.m. in the school district's board room to finalize the candidates for the election.

The election will be held on Monday, Oct. 6, at 7 p.m. at the school district's board room.

For more information, contact Michael Woodville at 973-261-1111.

Fetty Wap to appear in local court



Fetty Wap performing on stage at the Verona-Cedar Grove Times office on Monday, July 28, 2016. Photo by Michael Woodville.

LAW ENFORCEMENT
New task force to help out
 BY MICHAEL WOODVILLE

The Verona Police Department has introduced a new task force to assist with the needs of residents who are calling 911.

The task force will consist of police officers and community members who will be trained to provide assistance to residents who are in need of help.

The task force will be active during the hours of 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. and will be available to residents who are calling 911.

The task force will be a great resource for residents who are in need of help during the late hours of the night.

For more information, contact the Verona Police Department at 973-261-1111.

Two newcomers join the Cedar Grove race

BY MICHAEL WOODVILLE
 Staff Writer

Cedar Grove's Board of Education will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 28, to discuss the proposed changes to the board of education.

Two newcomers are running for the board of education, which oversees the school district's budget and oversees the superintendent of schools.

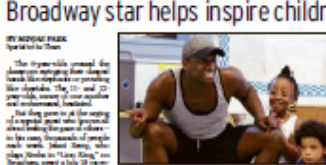
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'LION KING'
 Broadway star helps inspire children with visit



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The task force will be a great resource for residents who are in need of help during the late hours of the night.

For more information, contact the Verona Police Department at 973-261-1111.

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BOE member delivers stern request to MCS applicants

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BY THERESA KRATZMAN



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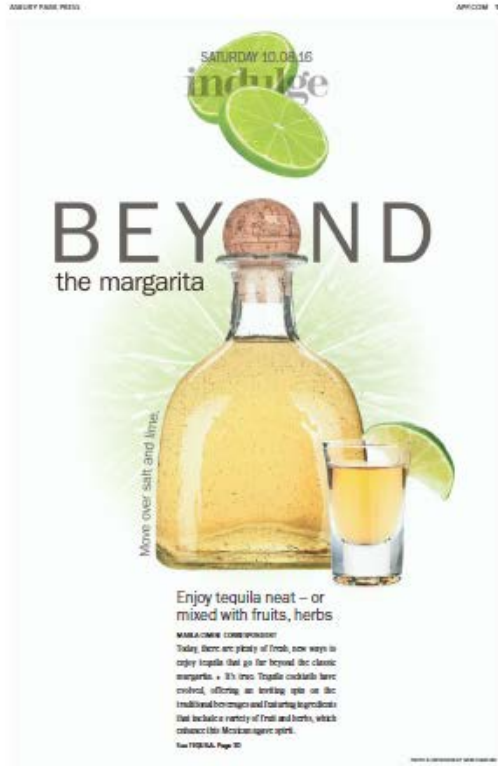


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Danielle Cherchio

MoMA exhibit explores the roots of modern interiors

ARTS AND CULTURE

MoMA's new exhibit, "The Roots of Modern Interiors," explores the origins of modern design. The exhibit features a collection of architectural models, drawings, and photographs that trace the evolution of modern interior design from the early 20th century to the present. The exhibit is located at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City and runs through the end of the year.

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**Solar on Long Beach Island
 Is an Unequivocal Win-Win**

By LISA ABRAMSON
What if I said you could save money while helping the environment at no cost. Crazy, right?
 I have been wanting to put solar panels on my home on LBI for some time now. We rarely use air conditioning unless we have company or the heat and humidity are just unbearable, so I initially was not with enthusiasm about how much money we would actually save. I could not answer that question and I let it go.

After Spokenone Sandy, however, I started thinking hard about our planet and our children, and our little island and how it was affected. In the beginning of this year I finally

made the call to Solar City to really find out the answer. I am sure there are other companies that are equivalent, but Ellen Meak has been my youngest son's hero for a while so this was my starting point, and I made the call. I have absolutely no connection, other than reading Ellen Meak's biography and my son's admiration, to Solar City.

I was asked by my energy consultant, Mitchell, why I wanted solar panels. For me it was to help the environment, while for my husband it was for savings. Immediately Mitchell directed me to an information page that showed what would be accomplished and how.

Solar panels gather clean energy from the sun that directly generates gas emissions and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. Traditionally, electricity gets its power from fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas, which when burned release toxic gases that are the primary cause of pollution and global warming. Not only do they hurt the environment, they are a finite resource that can cause energy prices to increase in a short period of time to a volatile market.

The average solar panel system will offset 178 tons of carbon dioxide over 30 years. This is like planting 10 football fields full of trees, conserving enough water to fill 67 Olympic-sized swimming pools, eliminating the need to burn almost 174,907 pounds of coal, or saving the fuel it would take to drive around the equator about 15.5 times, or 790,300 miles.

If you're in the show-me-the-savings camp, you can save money on your energy bill as soon as you are up and running. Solar power costs less than other forms of power generation, and if you lease a system rather than buying, the possible savings you pay a locked-in fixed rate for your power. This means that your savings go up when energy prices go up. If you decide to buy the panels you can get tax credits, but that decision is between you and your accountant.

I must admit I had to ask Mitchell about five times if I was understanding his cor-



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rectly. One statement, that the company will install everything for free, seemed too good to be true. I then signed the contracts online for the company to schedule everything with everyone necessary to make this switch. This included inspections and all paperwork involved and features merged into with my electric company. We received notices and calls as well as a record of what had been done and what would be the next step. I have never dealt with a more efficient company.

After the many times I was contacted by others about the potential savings, I finally asked, "How much savings to enough savings?" Would \$10 a month be enough? \$20? \$5? Not any savings enough to make installing solar panels worthwhile if we are also helping the environment without the panels costing us one penny to install or one minute of inconvenience?

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Commentary

**County Would Suffer
 With Gas Tax Raise**

By JOHN MORAN

After months, and multiple challenges from myself, the Ocean County Board of Supervisors finally passed a resolution opposing a 25-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax hike, following Hartigan's lead and according to public opinion.

For months the state Legislature and the governor have wrangled with and schemed about imposing a 25-cent-per-gallon gas tax increase in New Jersey in order to replenish money taken from the Transportation Trust Fund. In North Jersey, where public transportation is much more prevalent and commutes are typically shorter, the sting of this oppressive tax compared to other funding methods would not be as badly felt as here in South Jersey.

In Ocean County, where residents commute more than most and where tourism is a significant component of the local economy, the gas tax would be especially painful. This proposed tax is just plain bad for Ocean County.

My commute is shorter than most. I travel daily between my home in Hammel to my office in Toms River. I also travel the state, though mostly central and eastern New Jersey to various courts. The gas tax would hit my wallet and that of my clients by way of pass-through expense. Many of my friends and fellow Ocean County residents commute hundreds of miles per week. This terrible tax would pull hard-earned money right out of these family budgets and hit those who work for a living the hardest.

As an elected official, I know that representing the people means speaking up for the people, even when that causes me to stray from the party line. The residents I serve are dead-on against this tax, and rightfully so.

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Letters

Thankful to Strangers

To the Editor:

After what would normally be a typical day for me and my two girls (ages 7 and 11), I'm just now coming to grips with what could have been a mother's worst nightmare, as the ocean's current took hold of both my girls.

Local residents (I think, a mom and her 15-year-old son from Surf City, quickly responded, assisting my oldest daughter in rescuing both girls. I cannot be more proud of my island, as she would not let go of her younger sister even though she fell as though she was drowning her.

They both went in the water over their heads, the oldest leading water as the youngest was going under, panicking and pushing her sister down. The thought that my oldest displayed was remarkable. She would not let go of her sister, and she quickly shouted to the closest person to please save them.

I would love to locate this young man and his name who was on the beach at 13th Street in Surf City Wednesday, Aug. 11 around 3 p.m. It was a miracle and they are my heroes.

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Having a Summer's End 'Shellabration' on LBI

By PATTY KELLY

You really can't head into summer with a group of great girlfriends for a 7-10 a.m. breakfast celebration. Hey, if you need to be go early and have to celebrate the art of aging, why not do it in style with your best beach buddies?

And that is exactly what we did before the



NEW TAKE ON OLD GLORY: This shell display on 21st Street in Spray Beach is now a memorial to a fallen soldier.



Label: They wanted to do all away to what would soon be our fall/winter destinations. Our one girlfriend was in such denial of the cover that appeared long, unattractive and of number that we wanted to "Memorial Day" by mistake! But as true girlfriends do, we gave her a pass on the light to memory, which we all wanted to have at the moment, too.

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OPINION
Thursday, July 14, 2016

EDITORIAL

WHERE IN VERONA OR CEDAR GROVE
A slice of greatness



This week in the days of pizza places in Verona and Cedar Grove, we look for where a slice of greatness is being served. We look for the sign for the best pizza, and we look for the sign for the best pizza.

Last week's The Great Sign was the first of the 10 most popular in the area. It was a sign for the best pizza in the area. It was a sign for the best pizza in the area. It was a sign for the best pizza in the area.

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As the 2016 program ends, we are grateful to the donors who made it possible. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible.

Project Graduation a successful event

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Gun control can no longer be ignored

It is time to take action on gun control. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible.

Bullets are colorblind

Gun violence affects everyone. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible.

Add another B to an otherwise B+ student

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Gone but not forgotten

It is time to remember those who have passed. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible. We are grateful to the donors who made it possible.

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Waste not

Recycling is an easy task

Landfills are a no-go. Nobody wants to maintain or add to a perpetually expanding mountain of landfilled trash. Landfills can be sealed and wooded, capped and then built on, but you're still sleeping on a toxic mess and all the toxic gas problems.

This trend of prudence to pollution is also prompted by garbage incinerators, maligned as "incinerator recovery facilities." These colorfully repainted incinerators are the only way to make trash, and prevent layers of flames that incinerate many of the pollutants, but not all. Hundreds of tons above ground, the facilities' chimney releases various plumes that threaten the air and water.

We can reduce in line to some extent for garbage, but human production is incredible amounts of waste. We are the planet's most "consumer society" that manufactures nearly everything with comparatively obscene till space. In the U.S. and already every other nation, people buy, use, and discard vehicles, smartphones, TVs, clothing, furniture, and everything home. Where to put the waste?

Most Montclair residents to place their garbage cans curbside, but never think past the Community Services Department workers who struggle with the trash. Our trash goes forward, in Newark by the Essex County Resource Recovery Facility, which burns trash up to create the garbage of Montclair and the county's 21 other municipalities.

There are alternatives to landfills and garbage incinerators. We can just check the trash in Balthasar in the ocean, so residents of water nations do. Or we can wage a revolution against the way we waste. We're looking for solutions. Despite the obstacles, we purchase recycling equipment that can be recycled, or recycled equipment. We're looking for alternatives to become consumers. We're looking for a way to reduce the amount of waste and its impact. The task is to "do it right" so that you can go without. Most people, however, are consumers, not producers.

Another alternative to using your trash is recycling much of the waste from your waste. Recycling waste is not a new idea. Since the 1960s, many houses have recycled, but their recycled approach on glass, paper, and metal. As with other New Jersey municipalities, Montclair requires residents to recycle certain items: uncoated paper products, glass and metal, non-hazardous liquids, and several forms of plastic. Montclair has a historic claim on recycling. Several decades ago, our town was the first municipality to create a "recycling coordinator" position.

We have seen our recycling in a processing company that used to work, but handled "single stream recycling" or "composting," in which residential paper, plastic, and glass items were tossed together into the back of one garbage truck. An old paper machine, however, the recycling must be collected separately. Our trash picks up the paper, another vehicle collects the plastic, metal, and glass materials.

This "dual stream recycling" is the local law, and it's legal. While recycling paper and several forms of plastic is required in New Jersey, there are no provisions for other materials. There are plenty of vehicles. Thousands for apartment and construction sites with recyclable materials. On curb-collection days, many homeowners stack cardboard boxes into a dual path.

Right now, it's a matter of how to separate paper from mixed glass/plastic bottles and cans and place them in separate containers, then the consequence the conditions of recycled materials. There's no reason for a financial penalty.

With all the alternatives and various programs, however, there are many reasons to increase for compliance. A penalty associated with a dollar sign always motivates an improvement in behavior.

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Comments to not a do-it

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SPORTS

Villains beat Belvidere in baseball, score HWS buzzy upset win — B2

Jefferson senior closer Vince Montone makes opponents Fear the beard

By JESSE KRYSCIO

Every time he goes on the mound, we have confidence in him. He's a guy we can trust."

Jefferson senior closer Vince Montone has been the ace of the team's bullpen since he was named to the position last season. His 1.50 ERA and 10 saves are a testament to his skill and confidence. Montone, who stands 6-3 and weighs 210 pounds, has a powerful fastball that can reach 90 mph. He is known for his intense focus and his ability to shut down the opposition in high-pressure situations.

Montone's performance has been a key factor in Jefferson's success this season. He has pitched 45 innings, allowing only 25 runs and 35 hits. His ability to strike out batters and induce ground balls has made him a feared pitcher. His teammates and coaches all praise his work ethic and his ability to perform when it counts.

Montone's confidence is not just in his own abilities but also in his teammates. He believes in the team's ability to win together and has been instrumental in building their confidence. His leadership on the mound has helped the team overcome adversity and emerge as a contender for the state championship.

Tigers blast Braves in HWS, 15-6

By JESSE KRYSCIO

The Tigers' offense exploded in the first inning, scoring five runs on a combination of home runs and singles. The Braves' pitching staff was completely overwhelmed, allowing the Tigers to take an early lead that they never relinquished. The game was a dominant performance for the Tigers, who showcased their offensive firepower throughout the contest.

The Tigers' offense was led by several key players, including [Player Name], who hit a home run in the first inning. The Braves' pitching staff, led by [Pitcher Name], struggled to keep the Tigers off base. The game was a decisive victory for the Tigers, who improved their record significantly.

Eagles soar up draft board, get No. 2 overall pick from Browns

By JESSE KRYSCIO

The Philadelphia Eagles have emerged as a top prospect in the NFL draft, securing the second overall pick from the Cleveland Browns. The Eagles' selection of [Player Name] is seen as a major move to bolster their offensive line and improve their chances of competing for the Super Bowl. The Browns' decision to trade down is viewed as a strategic move to acquire more picks in later rounds of the draft.

The Eagles' general manager, [Name], expressed his excitement over the selection, stating that the player has the potential to become a franchise cornerstone. The Browns' general manager, [Name], also commented on the trade, noting that the Browns will continue to look for value in the draft. The Eagles' selection is expected to significantly impact the team's performance in the upcoming season.

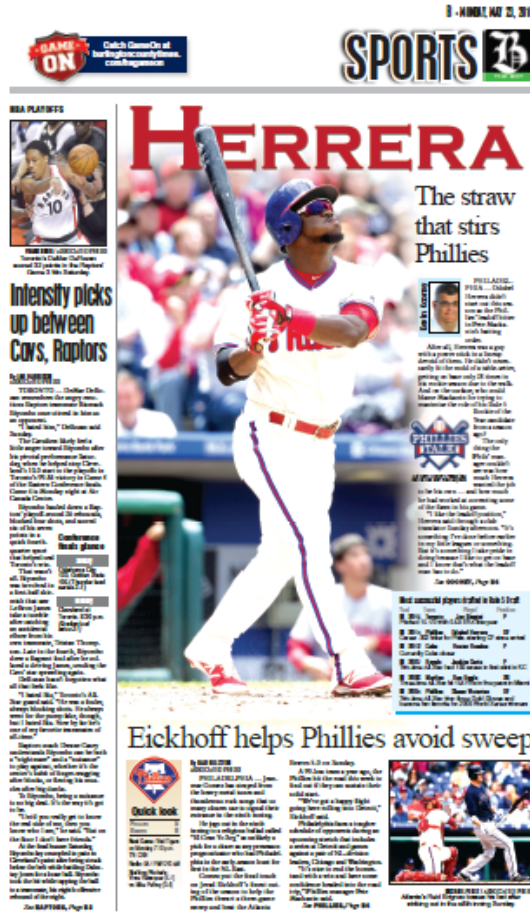
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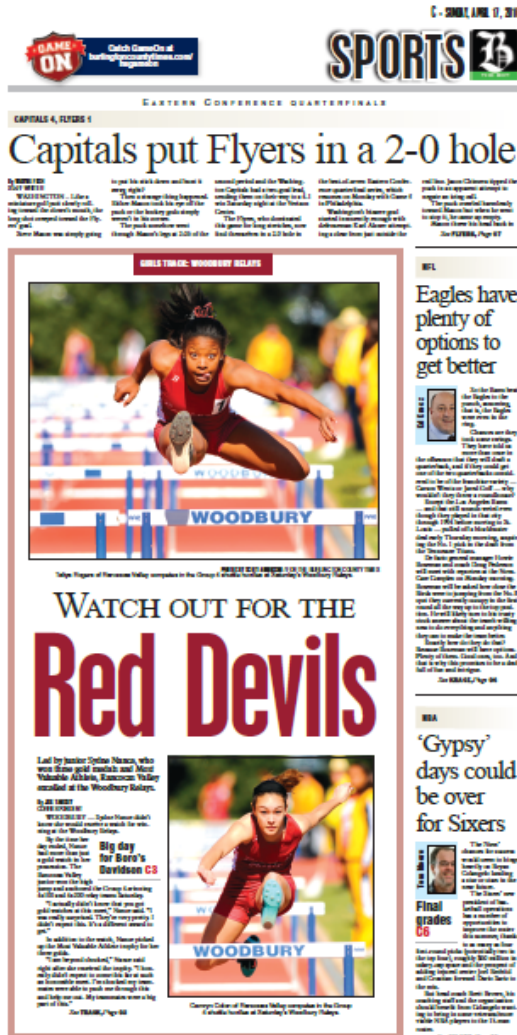


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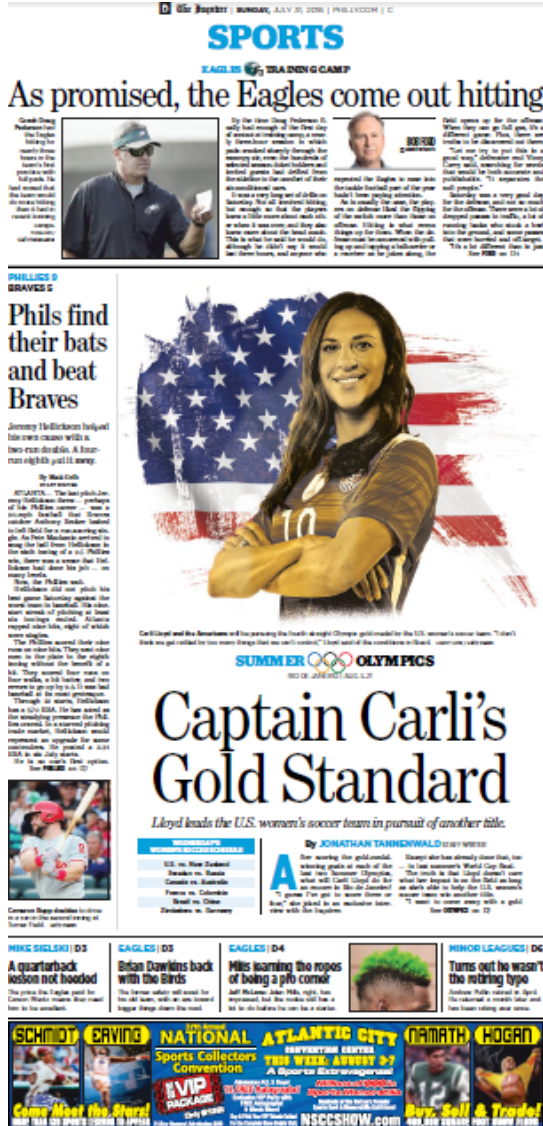


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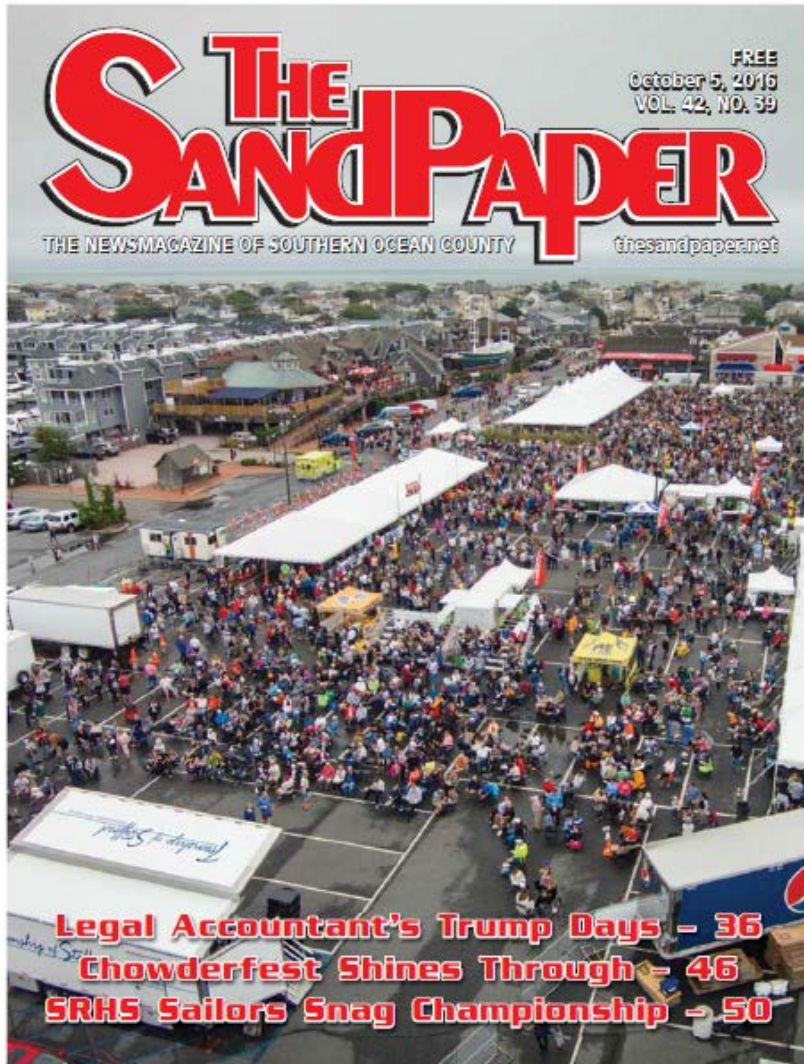
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Presentation Editor

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What you need Pencil, eraser, plus watercolors or colored pencils.

by AMY RAUDENBUSH - art@phillynews.com

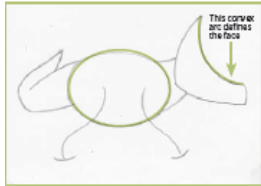
For Lunch, Triceratops would be hard to swallow

Triceratops lived in North America during the Cretaceous Period 65 million years ago. We recognize this dinosaur easily because of its distinctive

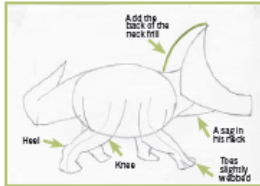
head that has 3 horns, a neck frill and a beak. And that head is BIG — up to 7 feet long! Triceratops ate only plants but it needed those horns for defense. It lived

alongside Tyrannosaurus Rex, and that bony frill would have made it difficult for T-Rex to bite its neck. Its hard beak is like a parrot's and was good at tearing the

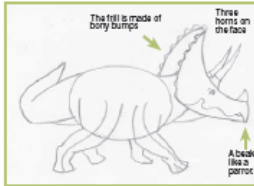
branches it wanted to eat. In the back of its mouth, it had lots and lots of teeth that were continually replaced as it aged. In its lifetime, it could have up to 800 teeth!



1 Hold your paper sideways and lightly draw an oval for the body a little to the left of center. The head is a series of arcs connected to the body with two more simple arcs. The S-curve of the legs and the tail flipped to one side will give our dinosaur some motion.



2 Triceratops' head is tilted so that we can see some of the back of the neck frill. Flash out the legs while paying attention to the angle of the head and knee.



3 A wavy line on the back edge of the frill will indicate the bony plates that are there. The horns curve gently upward. The folds that make up the side of the frill continue all the way forward to the beak-shaped.

Art Thieves are invited to send or email copies of their work to Amy Raudenbush, our professional artist. Phone pictures are fine. One drawing weekly will be selected for publication on Sept. 4 and the selected artist will receive a prize. Be sure to include your name, age, mailing address and phone number. Triceratops drawing must be received by July 22 to be eligible for the weekly prize.

Send to:
Amy Raudenbush
Philadelphia Daily News
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Philadelphia, PA 19107
Or email art@phillynews.com.



4 Carefully erase any unneeded guidelines and proceed with adding color. No one knows what a Triceratops' skin looked like. It could have had stripes or spots. Fossils tell us very little about the surface of the dinosaur so make yours any color or combination of colors you like. If you're feeling ambitious, add a Cretaceous background — such as palm trees or a volcano — to your picture.

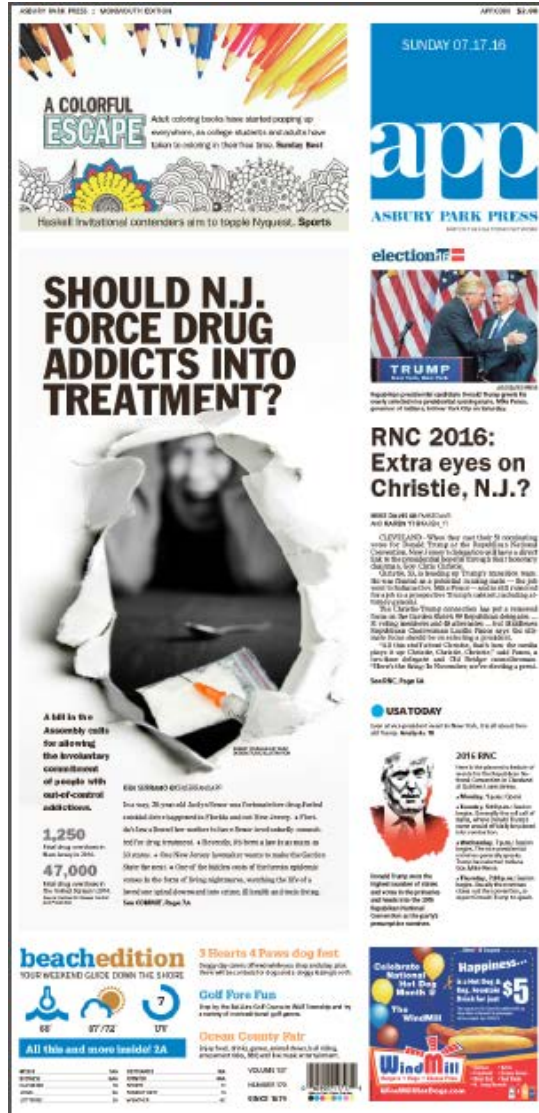
Next week's hint: Draw a bat.
Recent winners include:
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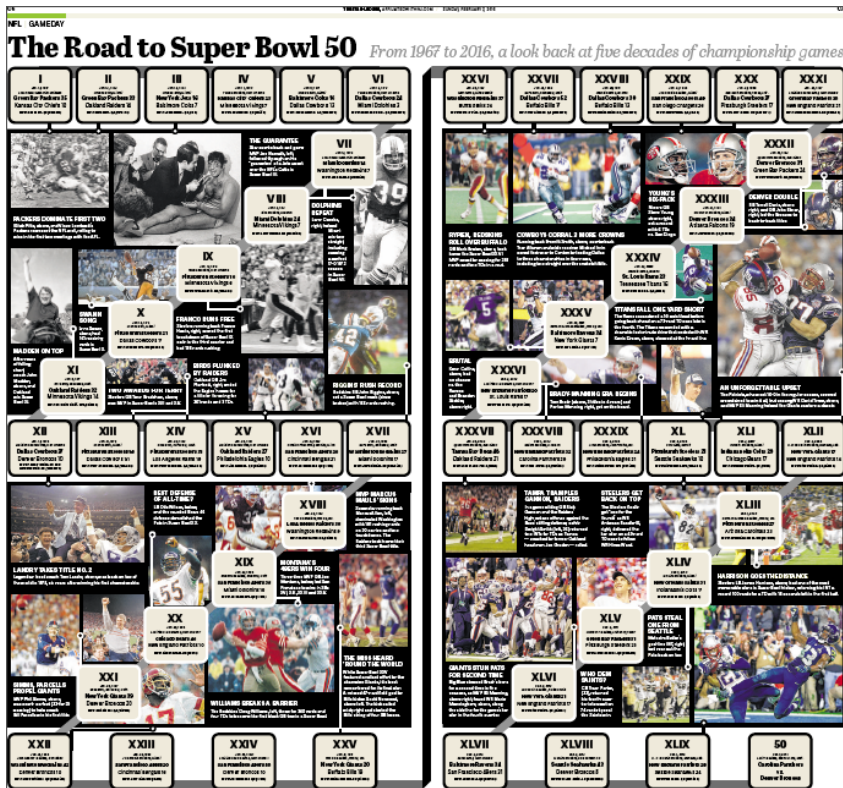
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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT Varsity star ready to take next step

Senior Mike Ruchler is entering the end of what has been a remarkable career in the sport of high school tennis. Ruchler, who has won 11 state titles, is looking to take his game to the next level. He is currently ranked in the top 10 in the state and is looking to win a national title. Ruchler is a versatile player, capable of playing both singles and doubles. He is a member of the Verona-Cedar Grove tennis team and is coached by Coach [Name]. Ruchler is a hard worker and is always looking to improve his game. He is a role model for his teammates and is a true leader on the court. Ruchler is looking forward to the future and is excited to see what he can achieve in college tennis.



Strikeout artist
Verona ace fans to watch 101 hits to victory.
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Rookie of the year



Photo credit: [Name]

DA SIES ALL Panthers fall to MKA, drop to 1-3

By Zach Gewelb
The Verona-Cedar Grove Panthers fell to the Montclair Kimberley Academy (MKA) on Monday, April 12, in a 1-3 defeat. The Panthers were led by [Name] in the first set, but MKA's [Name] was the star of the match. The Panthers' record is now 1-3. Coach [Name] said that the team needs to focus on their defense and work on their serve. The Panthers will be back in action next week.

LATERALLY Lady Hillbillies lose heartbreaker

Three-run seventh inning tally dooms softball squad
I do think that we are definitely improving and the more comfortable that the girls get, the more confidence they'll have.
The Lady Hillbillies lost a heartbreaker to the [Opponent] in the seventh inning. The game was tied 1-1 going into the seventh, but the Lady Hillbillies were unable to score in the seventh. The [Opponent] scored three runs in the seventh, giving them a 4-1 lead. The Lady Hillbillies' record is now 1-1. Coach [Name] said that the team needs to stay focused and work on their offense. The Lady Hillbillies will be back in action next week.

BOYS TENNIS Verona remains undefeated

By Zach Gewelb
The Verona-Cedar Grove boys tennis team remained undefeated on Monday, April 12, as they defeated the [Opponent] in a 3-0 victory. The team was led by [Name] in the first set, and [Name] in the second set. The team's record is now 1-0. Coach [Name] said that the team is doing well and is looking to win a state title. The team will be back in action next week.



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April 14 & Sept. 29, 2016

Zach Gewelb



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MHS BASEBALL Mounties take their first playoff step

Booker bats sharp as MHS tops North Bergen

BY JENNIFER BUCHHEIM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

They're excited and on a roll. For the Montclair High School baseball team, it's a moment of triumph. After a season of ups and downs, the Mounties have advanced to the playoffs for the first time in 10 years. The team's first game is set for Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the home of the North Bergen team.

Booker, who has been a consistent performer for the Mounties, was named the team's Most Valuable Player. He has a batting average of .350 and has hit 10 home runs and 20 RBIs. He is expected to be a key player in the playoffs.

The team's success is a testament to the coaching of Coach [Name], who has led the team to several regional championships. The Mounties are looking forward to a successful season in the playoffs.



The Montclair boys' baseball team poses for a group photo in the field following their victory over North Bergen.

MHS BOYS TENNIS



Booker plays in his tennis match.

Doubles' season proceeds

Mounties fall in group finals, doubles prep for states

BY JENNIFER BUCHHEIM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

The final four opponents, the Montclair boys' tennis team, are set to compete in the group finals. The team is looking for a strong performance in the doubles event.

The team's performance in the group finals will determine their placement in the state tournament. The doubles team is particularly focused on their preparation.

The boys' tennis team is looking forward to a successful season in the state tournament. The doubles team is particularly focused on their preparation.

MHS SOFTBALL

A run to remember



The Montclair softball team celebrates their victory over North Bergen in the group finals.

Mounties reach ECT final after magical May streak

BY JENNIFER BUCHHEIM
OF THE MONTCLAIR TIMES

The Montclair softball team has reached the Eastern County Tournament (ECT) final after a magical May streak. The team's success is a testament to the coaching of Coach [Name].

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The Montclair softball team celebrates their victory over North Bergen in the group finals.

Story-book path to finals sparks memories of past MHS success

It's a story-book path to the finals for the Montclair softball team. The team's success is a testament to the coaching of Coach [Name].

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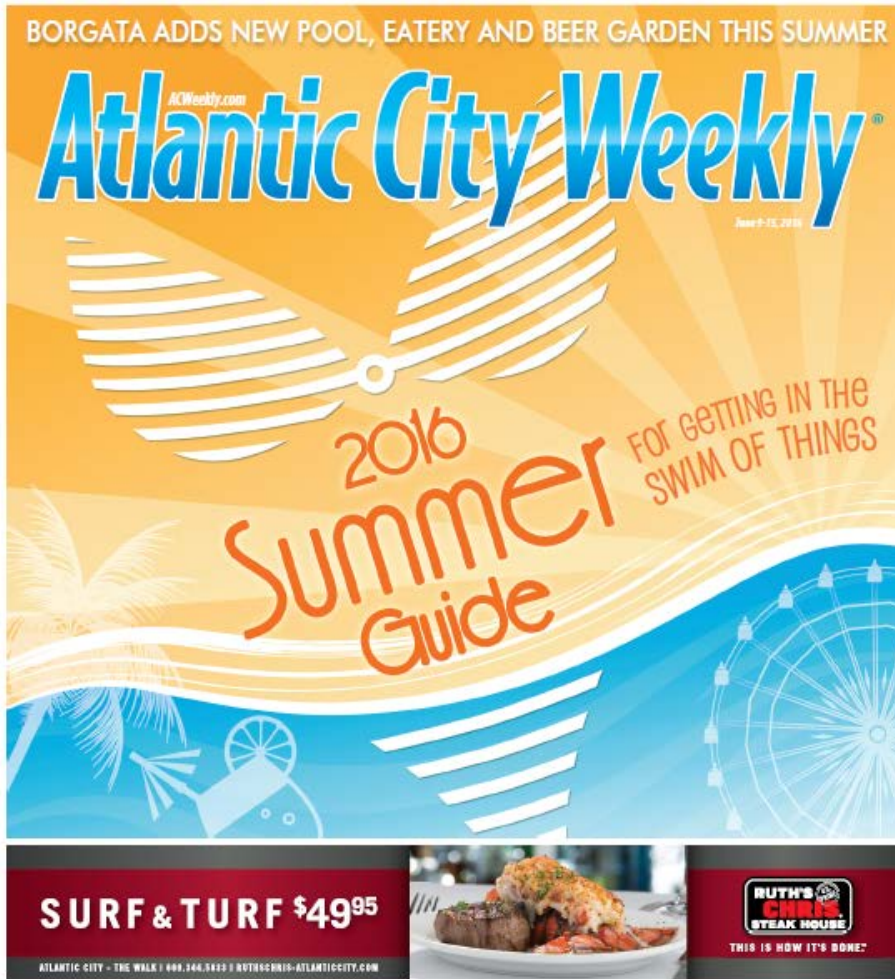
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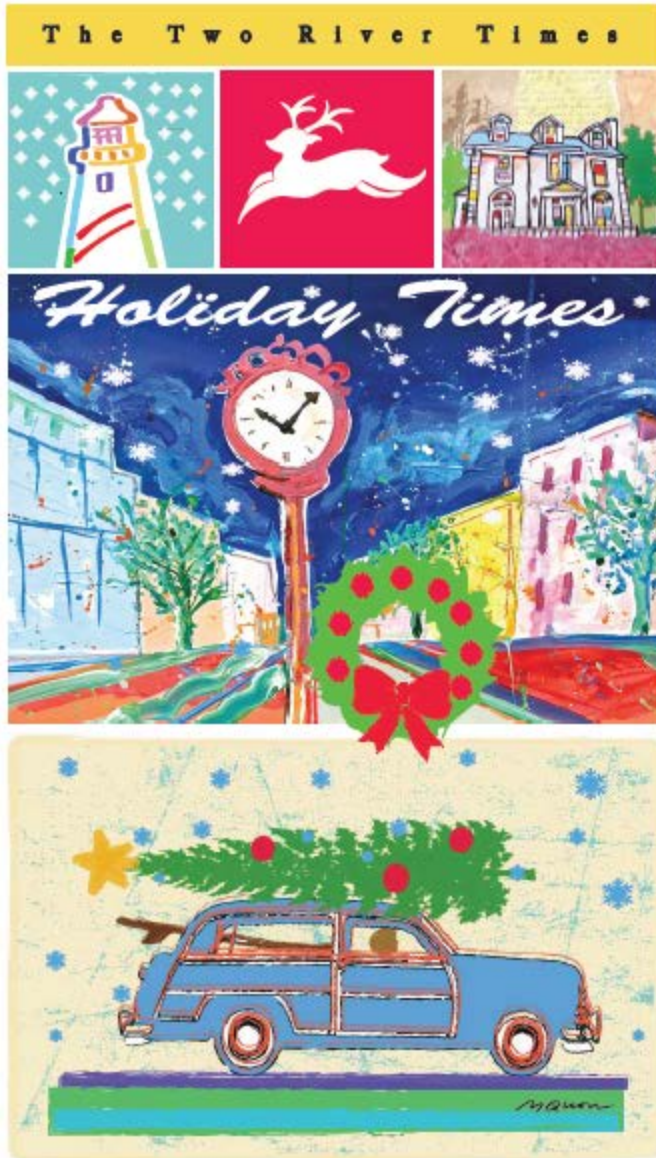


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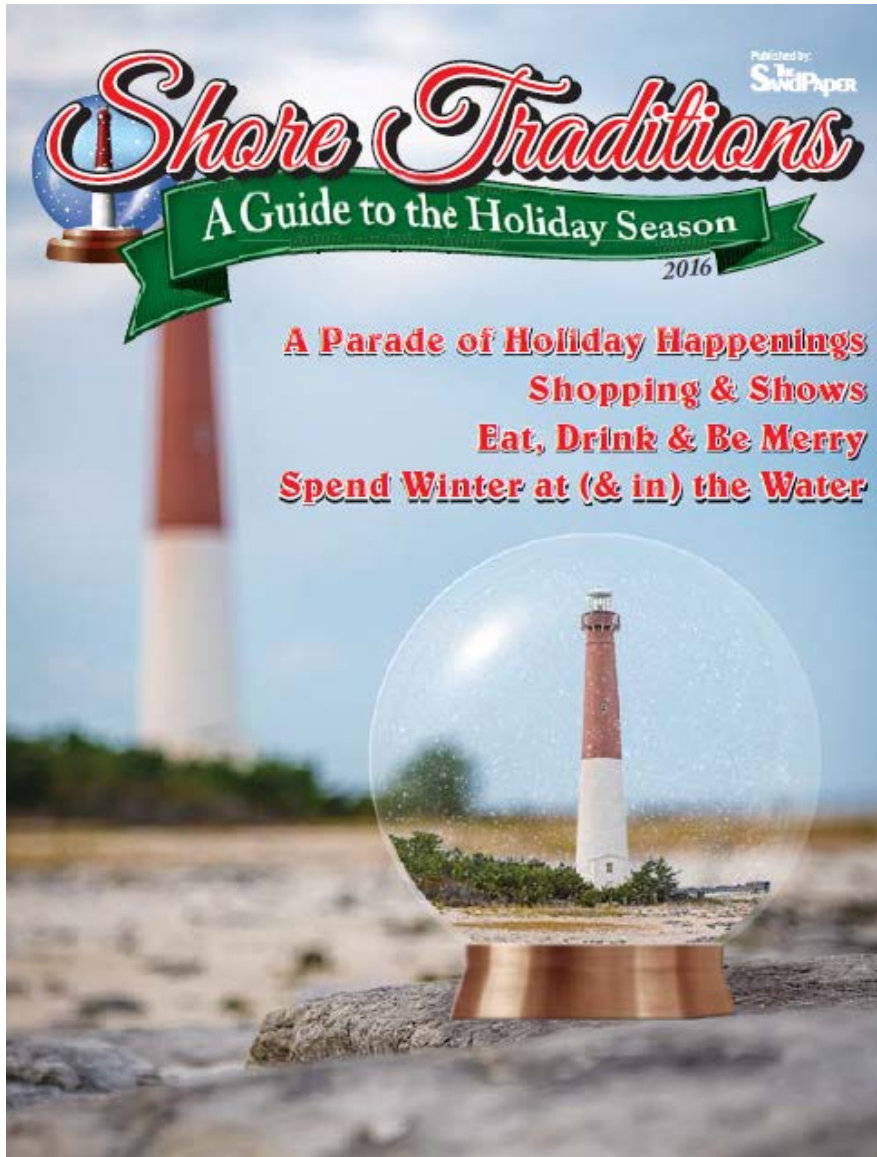
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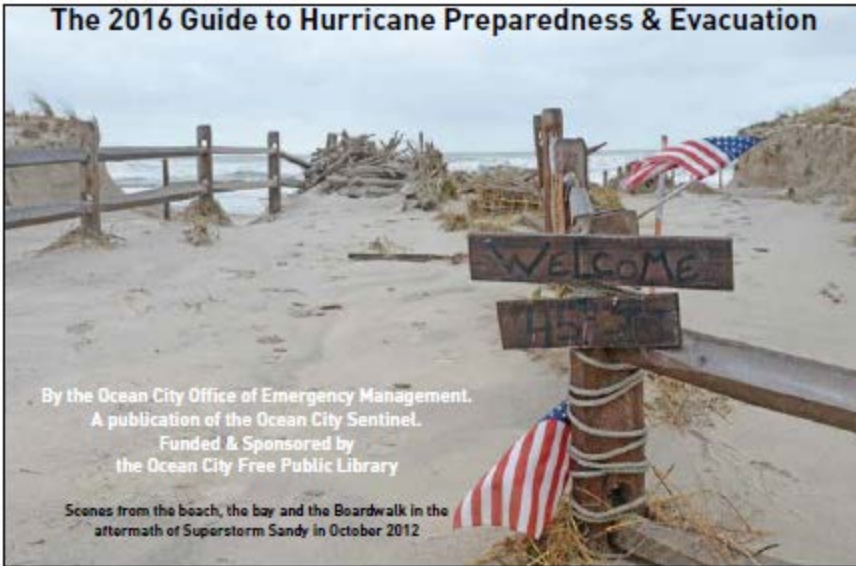
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THE 100-YARD DECEPTION

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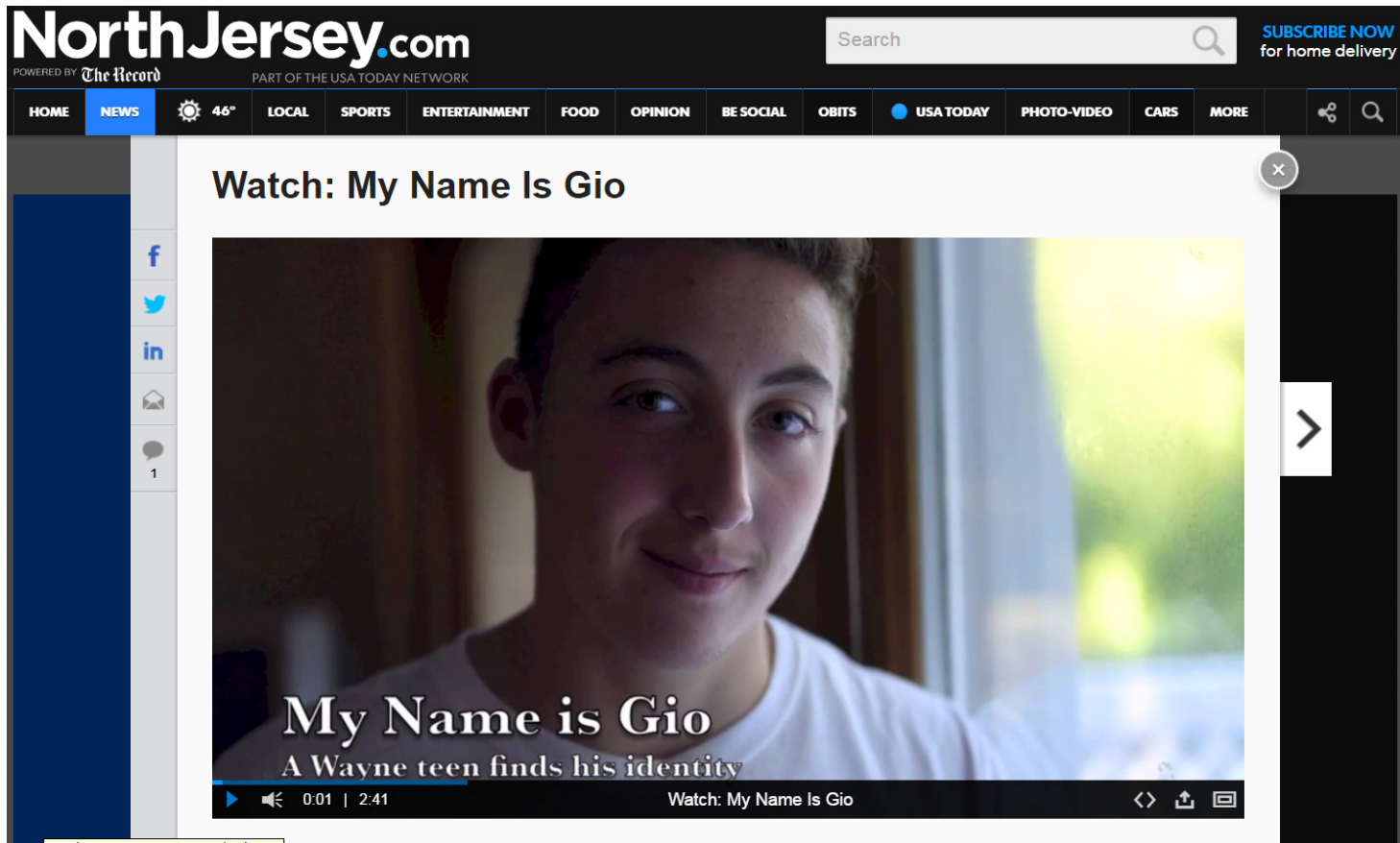
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The Battle Room: St. John Vianney



Can an assistant coach's pre-game speech help keep St. John Vianney's undefeated season intact? Brian Johnston

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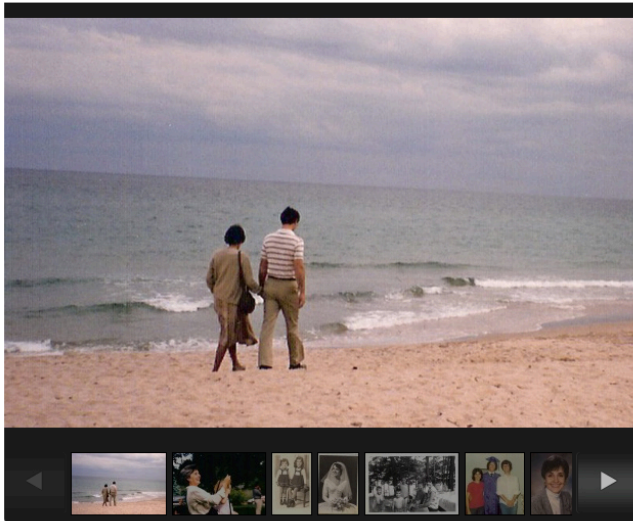
My mission: Fend off dementia, the merciless killer that claimed my mother

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VERNON OGRADNEK, Multimedia Editor

Tonight at 7:30, another episode of The Press of Atlantic City's new television show, "*-30-*" will air on Stockton University's channel.

On tonight's episode, Press reporter Lynda Cohen interviews a mother who has dedicated her life to fighting heroin addiction after her daughter got caught up in the drug.



On a lighter note, features editor Tim Faherty sits down with legendary disc jockey Jerry Bavat and talks about his roots in rock and roll, and his connection to South Jersey.

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Vernon Ogradnek / Multimedia Editor

Students and staff run the production of 30, a news show produced by 150 students and recorded at the studio and recorded at the University, Thursday, May 17, 2016.



View all 14 images in gallery.

Just The Facts

Tonight's episode will feature a mother who is a right-winged boxer, who is also an educator. The show will air on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on Stockton University's channel.

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NJ	\$72,093	\$75,851	-5%
US	\$53,889	\$56,547	-4.7%



POPULATION

2011-2015	2005-2009	CHANGE
279,793	277,070	+1.0%

NJ	8.9 million	8.6 million	+2.9%
US	317 million	301 million	+5.0%



MEDIAN AGE

2011-2015	2005-2009	CHANGE
32.6 yrs	32.3 yrs	+0.3%

NJ	37.6	38.3	-0.7%
US	37.6	36.5	+1.1%



RACE/ETHNICITY

	2011-2015	2005-2009	CHANGE
White	10.7%	14.5%	-3.8%
Black	48.4%	49.4%	-1%
Hispanic	35.6%	31.8%	+3.9%
Asian	1.8%*	1.6%*	+0.2%*

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2011-2015	2005-2009	CHANGE
\$59,537	\$56,988	+4.5%

NJ	\$72,093	\$75,851	-5%
US	\$53,889	\$56,547	-4.7%



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2011-2015	2005-2009	CHANGE
259,651	239,127	+8.6%

NJ	8.9 million	8.6 million	+2.9%
US	317 million	301 million	+5.0%



MEDIAN AGE

2011-2015	2005-2009	CHANGE
33.9 yrs	33.4 yrs	+0.5%

NJ	37.6	38.3	-0.7%
US	37.6	36.5	+1.1%



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	2011-2015	2005-2009	CHANGE
White	21.5%	25.0%	-3.5%
Black	23.1%	25.4%	-2.3%
Hispanic	27.7%	27.9%	-0.3%
Asian	25.0%	19.0%	+6.0%

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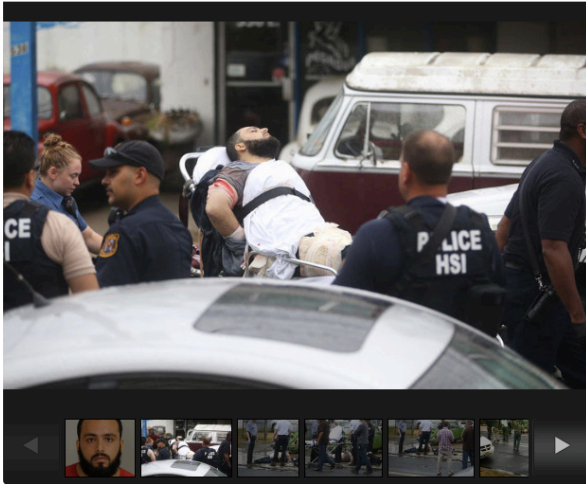
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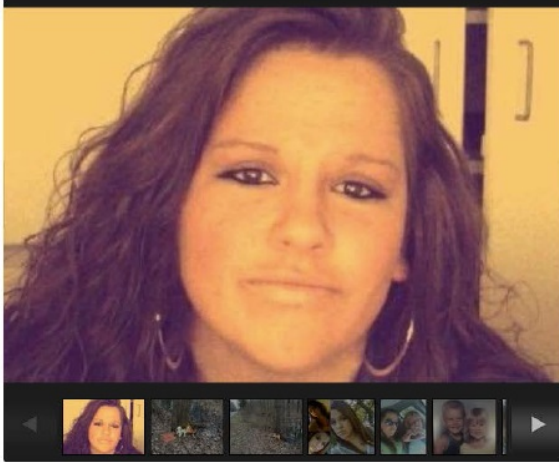
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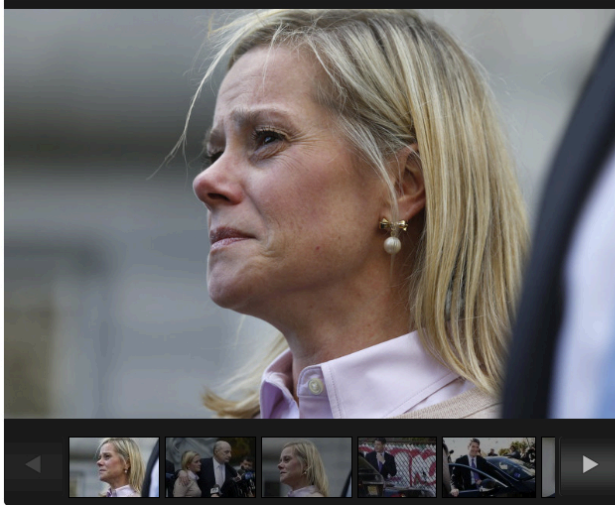
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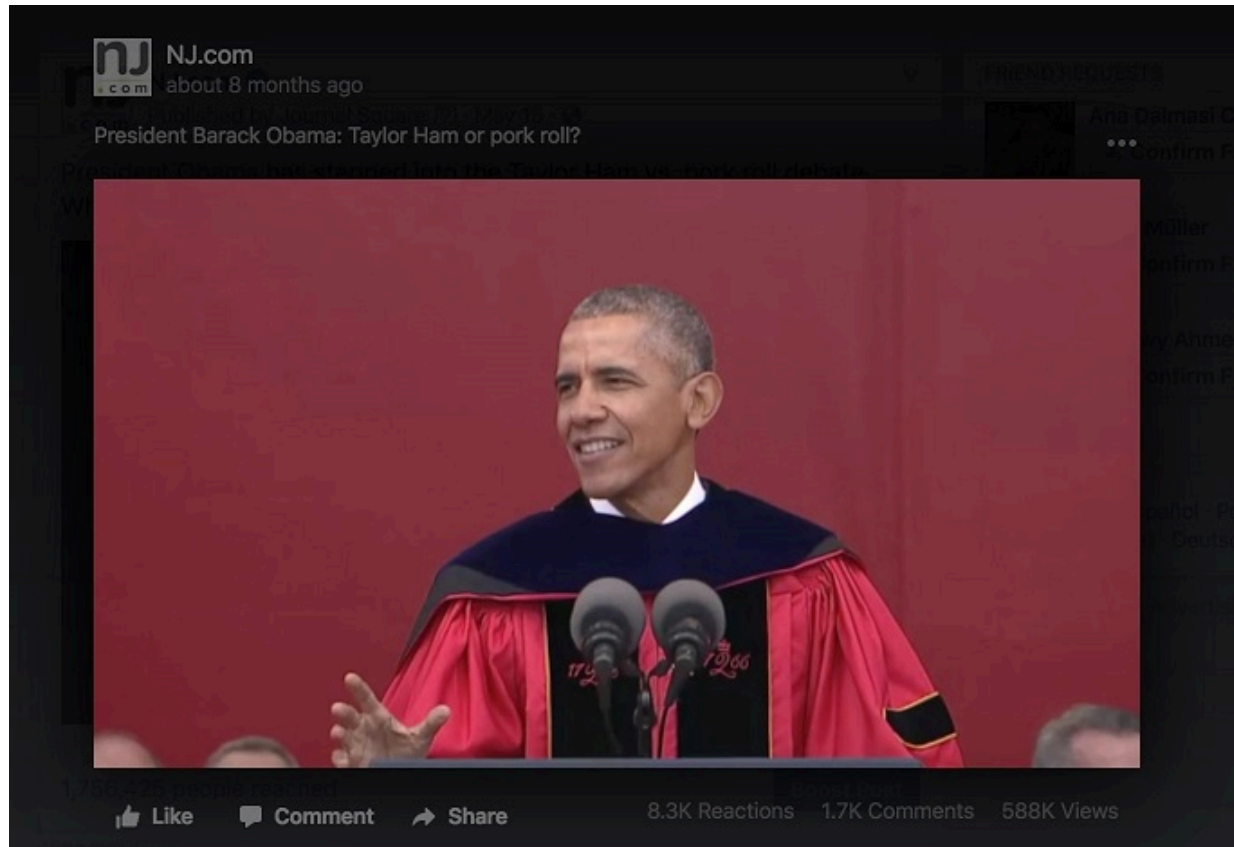


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