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2019 NJPA Editorial Results
Veterans, Private Donors Rush to Aid Coast Guard

Locals certainly appreciate the U.S. Coast Guard. As stories elsewhere in this issue show, Beach Haven borough and the Long Beach Island Foundation for the Arts and Sciences are helping crew members of Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light and their families as they try to survive not getting paid during the partial government shutdown. Even corporations have gotten into the act, as reported by the SandPaper story that shows that Hackensack Meridian Health is offering free copier and delivery services for emergency visits to inpatient care centers and all of its network hospitals, including Monmouth’s Southern Ocean Medical Center. The offer is not only for members of the Coast Guard, but their immediate families, but also for all first and medical workers and their insured family members. Members of the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines are getting paid, so why not members of the Coast Guard? The first line services are part of the Department of Defense, which was fully funded before the partial government shutdown. The Coast Guard is part of the Department of Homeland Security, which has not been funded.

Other businesses, organizations and individuals are also funding helping hands. Greenhouse Cafe in Ship Bottom is offering a free or discounted meal to Station Barnegat Light crew members—free if the meal is $20 or less, discounted by $50 if the check runs higher than that.

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

Reduced Costs are also helping active-duty members. Rob Schröder, a retired chief petty officer who served at Station Barnegat Light from 1982 to 1989 and who now calls Barnegat Township home, is asking all hands to get on board with the effort.

“All hands to the pump,” said Schröder of the current federal shutdown. “Not having a
Suspect charged in shooting near Brick Memorial

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

BY PATRICK REILLY
The Ocean Star

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

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

According to a statement issued by authorities on Thursday, surveillance footage from residences near the shooting was used by investigators to track the suspect.

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

— BRADLEY D. BELLINGER,
Ocean County Prosecutor

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

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

"We have no reason to believe this incident is anything more than an isolated situation developed between a small group of individuals."

— BRICK TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT
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FIRST PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Free home

Before razing, church seeks mover

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

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

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

The church received approval from the zoning board in the fall of 2017 to demolish the six-bedroom, 2.5-bath house, with plans to add the two-story addition to its church building on the neighbor- ing lot at 23 N. Willow St.

"The congregation requested that we try and find someone who was willing to take it," said the Rev. Daniel Ying, its current leader.

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

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

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

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

In July 2011, the Carriage House, located on the current site of The George Hotel, was relocated. It wasn't much of a move, since the structure was just wheeled a short distance to the side of the property that faces Claremont Avenue. The 1795 Crane House was also moved in 1965, from its original location on Glenridge Avenue to its current site on Orange Road. It had also served as the home of the YWCA and is now the headquarters of the Montclair History Center.

No Demo Law

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

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

Amanda Oglesby  Asbury Park Press
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Asbury Park Press

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'Ve have been working on this for a year.' Still no arrests a year after assault on Lakewood couple opposed to Eagle Ridge

Stacey Barchenger  Asbury Park Press
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The Express-Times
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Vice Principal Threatens to Arrest Protesters

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

BY TERI WEST
DAILY JOURNAL

SEACREST — A High Tech High School vice principal threatened to have a dozen of students arrested for holding a sit-in protest at the school to protest the proposed terminations of two teachers. The students said they were going to protest because of recent cuts to the school’s budget and a lack of a schedule for the day.

Auntie Pim, a principal of the school, told the group that the protest was going to be her first ever. “I have to say that I am very disappointed that it is coming up on this day,” she said.

The students said they planned to protest outside of the school in the hopes of getting their voices heard. They were joined by other students from Steinmetz High School.

Hudson County Schools of Technology’s new principal, Terri West, told the students that the school would try to work with them to come up with a solution. “We will work with you to come up with a solution that works for everyone,” she said.

West said the school would also work with the students to find other ways to protest. “We will try to work with you to find a way to protest that works for everyone,” she said.

The students said they were happy with the school’s response and plan to continue to protest.”
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Band’s river of life rages on
From Good Homes has new music for 20th anniversary of farewell show at Waterloo

Thursday, Jul 25, 2019

by ROBERT PRICE

It’s hosted as an album release event, which is odd in and of itself, but pretty significant for a band that hasn’t released new music in 20 years.

But when From Good Homes takes the stage at the Waterloo Concert Field on Aug. 1, it’s even more notable that this will mark, almost to the day, the 20-year anniversary since the band bowed out. It’s been a very long year.

“For this year’s Waterloo show, we’re gonna put up right where we left off. I’m expecting to have a blast,” said keyboardist and founding member Jared Gates. “Can’t wait to return to a place that means so many good memories. So cool that we’re doing it with some new music to share... In 20 years... Now we didn’t want to lose the music.”

Responsible for the release event is the Ahmanson Theatre of Los Angeles, which has been creating and producing outdoor events regionally for 15 years.

“The Waterloo site has been brought to our attention specifically as a place where it should be shown and it’s very close to home,” said Richard A. Onofrio, president and CEO of the Ahmanson Theatre. “We have a longstanding relationship with Eddie Kohler and realized that this year would be 20 years since From Good Homes played an amazing last show at Waterloo, since the band has been playing smaller projects and working on a new album, we thought maybe this was the year we wanted to produce them.”

Supporting From Good Homes, Todd Sclafani, James Cohn, Don Moore and Brothers, the band From Good Homes, sometimes in the 1990s, from right: Stephen Harnett, Todd Sclafani, James Cohn, Don Moore and Brother, the band From Good Homes, sometimes in the 1990s, from left: Stephen Homer, Todd Sclafani, James Cohn, Don Moore and Brother, the band From Good Homes, sometimes in the 1990s, from left: Stephen Harnett, Todd Sclafani, James Cohn, Don Moore and Brother, the band From Good Homes, sometimes in the 1990s, from left: Stephen Homer, Todd Sclafani, James Cohn, Don Moore and Brother,

The founding members of From Good Homes, from left: Robby Froner, Patrick Fitzsimmons and Todd Sclafani, were shown during a reunion show at the Grand Opening of the Sussex County Fairgrounds in 2010. The trio started playing together while students at Sparta High School in the 1990s.

If you go...

what: From Good homes album release concert and album release with Mexico Banditos, Von, Chi and Colin
when: Saturday, Aug 3rd, 3 p.m.
where: Waterloo Concert Field, 100 Waterloo Road, Allamuchy
Admission: $30-$40 (general admission and VIP concert tickets), camping sites ($15), RV parking ($20)
Tickets: information from mainstage.com

Patrick Fitzsimmons: “They just like the stage and we hold up in a rehearsal space for two weeks to lay and see if we could get something going. It ended up being incredibly productive.”

Coweil recasts the 1990s farewell show and looks forward to the 2016 reunion.

“With a great love of appreciation, of our fans and the memory of how much we want to keep music together – a kind of ‘missional’” said Coweil. “We hope this upcoming show will reflect the love that has continued to grow like the river that it is and has brought new life. We hope the show is a great party where everyone leaves with a sense of satisfaction on their face.”

Afterwards and beyond...

From Good homes breaks up in 2010 after a good run of music and a few good years. But back in 2010 they reunited for a couple of reunion shows at...
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Kyle Morel
New Jersey Herald

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

By KYLE MOREL kmorel@njherald.com

For many teenagers, graduating from high school is a chance to remember on four years of memories with friends while also looking ahead to the excitement of college. Sam Yanes, a senior at Sussex County Technical School, will have a slightly different set of memories from her peers during her high school graduation in June. For example, she can think back to her college graduation a month earlier.

The sequence of commencements sounds impossible, but in reality it is the result of three years of hard work and determination from Yanes, who has been taking dual enrollment classes at Sussex County Community College since her sophomore year. Assuming she completes her last two courses online this semester, she will graduate in May with an associate’s degree in liberal arts and will head to Livingston University as a junior in the fall. Outside of class, Yanes, 18, of Millville, has jobs at Modell’s Sporting Goods in Hammonton and Atlantic Pizza in Lakewood. She is a member of the National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and National Technical Honor Society at Sussex Tech. As well as the Phi Theta National Honor Society for psychology majors at SCCC. She even played basketball and softball during her first three years at Sussex Tech before giving up both sports before her senior year.

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

Joseph P. Smith, The Daily Journal
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BRIDGETON – A man accused of molesting an elderly dementia patient at a South Jersey hospital could walk away from the charges.

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

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

The first trial started on Oct. 16 in Cumberland County Superior Court, but was stopped the next day.
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Susan K. Livio
The Star-Ledger

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She wants to end her life because of agonizing pain. ‘Every day Katie asks me to help her die.’

Updated Aug 23, 2019 Posted Aug 23, 2019

Katie Kim is suffering and is ready to end her life.
Interpretive Writing
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Eric Avedissian
Ocean City Sentinel

Marijuana forum discussion: Does bill make sense?

Activist says support this bill because waiting will be harmful

‘Weedman’: Bill doesn’t do enough, only benefits corporations

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
Sentinel staff

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

Wolski has been a registered nurse since 1976 and retired from the State of New Jersey in 2016 after 25 years of service with the Department of Human Services and the Department of Corrections.

Wolski spoke at the Community Cannabis Forum at Marie Rice Baptist Church April 4 about efforts to get the Compa-
Church Mission Is to Halt Child Sex Trafficking

Visiting Hotels, Motels To Bring Awareness

The thought of it is almost too much to bear. Children trapped in the sex trade. There is a group trying to make a mess into this shadowy, criminal world by offering a small ticket of hope—a national help-line number to call tucked on the back of a straw bar of soap.

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

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

Volunteer Shawn McElligot said 1,000 ve without across the state would be delivered to five locations in New Jersey. The group—New Life Church had the territory from Poi Pleasant down to Cape May, including all barrier islands but excluding Ocean City and Atlantic City. Another two groups would be working there.

Besides the signs, managers would be given packets of information: a letter explaining the mission, a poster of missing children, a red flag to look for and a card outlining warning signs of trafficking or sexual exploitation of minors.
When Machines Do the Hiring, Some See Need to Revamp Job Discrimination Law

By Charles Toutant

As corporations increase their reliance on automated programs to evaluate potential job candidates, lawyers can expect to hear more about an unintended byproduct: algorithmic discrimination. Increased use of algorithms, or machine learning, to evaluate job seekers is expected to result in more unintended discrimination in hiring. But there’s a debate among legal scholars about whether job applicants denied employment based on protected-class discrimination by a resume-reading artificial intelligence can find a remedy under existing laws.

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

One of a kind

Gallery owner, neighborhood advocate to be evicted

by JAIMIE JULIA WINTERS

Pine Street is known for its stoops. Thats how Mary Z. Scotti, a stoop-sitter herself, knew she would fit right in. 

"While other parts of Montclair are investing in parklets, we have our stoops to stop, sit and talk about the day," said Scotti, whose stoop, which also serves as the entrance to her 75并向Gallery, is covered in art.

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

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

Scotti may be right about that, but her neighbors insist that it was her energy to engage the public with art that made them fall in love with Pine Street in the first place.

Mary Z. Scotti, left, sits on her stoop outside 75 Pine Gallery. Scotti is credited with bringing more than art to the neighborhood. Scotti was told by her landlord she had to vacate the gallery this past year.
FOUND AT LAST

Submarine Discovery Offers Closure to Family of Serviceman Lost at Sea

By Mary Ann Bourbeau

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

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

His mother’s symbolic light can finally be extinguished. The Navy has announced that the USS Grayback was discovered earlier this year, 1,427 feet underwater and about 100 miles from where it was originally thought to have gone down. It was determined that the Navy’s historical records had the wrong longitude for the sub’s location. Using underwater vehicles and advanced imaging technology, the Lost 52 Project, an organization that searches for sunken World War II submarines, found the USS Grayback.

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

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

Middleton said according to her wishes, Lilla Case’s ashes were scattered in the Pacific near her son’s final location. (Continued on page 3)
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Bill Gelman
The Retrospect

Portfolio

Splashing Over Championship Mountain

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

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

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Mendham senior star runner ready for next step

BY AMIT BATRA
SPORTS WRITER

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

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

He has been running since he was four, following in his brother’s footsteps in a town league. Now set to finish his fourth high school year in what has been a remarkable running career, Stanley is heading off to the next level.

He was one of five boys in the country to receive an at-large bid to run in the Nike Cross Nationals. He finished 11th at that competition. The senior finished seventh at another national meet, the Foot Locker Nationals, and fifth at the Nike Cross Nationals champion.

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

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

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

At the Meet of Champions, where he won the varsity boys’ race of Piscataway Port’s annual race by 0.35 seconds, the Mendham standout had the fastest time ever run by a Morris County runner at the event.

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

“You can have a great season and just not be on your game that day,” said Joseph Mendham track and field cross-country coach Roy Hamblen. “Jack’s win the race that he ran there. That win there is a great accomplishment.”

Along with all the recognitions in running, Stanley also takes great pride in his academics. Princeton has long been a dream for the Mendham star runner.

“My dad and one of my brothers both went to Princeton,” Stanley said. “I’ve been thinking about it my whole life. It was always a dream to go there. I think the main thing that drew my college search was the academics. Princeton has one of the best teams out of the Ivy League and also has some of the best academics in the whole country.”

Princeton has seen a great deal of success in the cross-country season. The Tigers recently won the Ivy League championship, the Mid-Atlantic Regional title and placed second at the NCAA Championships.

Hamblen said Stanley’s years before his freshman year: Tom Stanley, Jack’s older brother, told Hamblen that his son was being recruited to the school.

“I knew he was a very talented runner when he came up to high school,” Hamblen said. “I knew he was talented. I knew he was going to be a great one. Besides being a great athlete, he’s a great kid.”
Clearing the hurdles

MHS AD reflects on a challenging 2018-19 year

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

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

It was an incredibly tough year for both MHS and its sports program, but Scarpello said that it was the spring coaches and athletes that stood out.

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

Coordination for practices and games was paramount during both the fall and spring. Fortunato and Woodman tracks were unavailable, so several fields, when the weather was finally finished and two seasons programs and softball wanted to play on the new field.

"All the coaches were very amenable to that," he said. "So I think the coaches could get their practice time in. I don't think all the coaches were, but they all wanted to get their practice time in, and having that was critical for the spring season.

"Coaching is a lifestyle, it's not just a job," Scarpello said. "You're fully in, because of how much time and energy you give. The coaches here do that and that's the expectation from Montclair. We have an athletic team and we compete from Aug 1st all the way until June 10th, which leaves very little time off. And that time off, they're still in the weight room doing with Coach Washington, working out, getting stronger.

"When I have my meetings at the end of the season with the coaches, they'll tell me, 'Hey, I've got two years left, I've got three years left.'" he said. "As an AD my first question thought about this long and hard," he continued. "I can't selfish and ask them to stay longer, because now they're not going to be the best. At the end of the day the coaches are happy with their decision and are finding happiness in another area of life."

In the case of Jennings, Scarpello said what he was most impressed with, and feels will be very hard to replace, was all the extra hours she put into her
NEWSPAPER CONTEST

THIRD PLACE

Jane Havsy

Daily Record

Portfolio

Sports Writing Portfolio

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Parsippany Hills grad’s NFL dream has come true

Jane Havsy

Morristown Daily Record

USA TODAY NETWORK - NEW JERSEY

When Michael Doghege committed to play football at Temple University back in 2016, Mohammed Willerson congratulated him with a Twitter direct message he never expected. A former defensive lineman at Linden High School and Temple, Willerson had just upended the expected course in football with a solid sack in the final seconds of the game against Temple.

Doghege had been on the coaches’ radar for some time, but it wasn’t until that game that Willerson was able to give football a try, and Doghege begged his parents, Basha and Mohamed Doghege, to sign him up.

Doghege was still only about 55 pounds, petite for a defensive end, but he tried ‘just about every position’ trying to find the right fit. He played on the Vikings’ defensive line as a sophomore, mostly on special teams. Meanwhile, Doghege and his friends would run hills and windmills and lift weights after a season in the Parsippany Hills weight room.

Doghege found a home stretching the edge as an outside linebacker as a junior. Grown to 230 pounds for senior year, Doghege had 145 tackles, 18 for losses, and 22 sacks as Parsippany Hills reached the NJSIAA Non-Public Group II title.

He talked about setting goals and already working hard. "I’m already working hard," football defensive coordinator Russ Toffle said. "Once colleges start showing interest, he knew he wanted to play football in college, and hopefully we can change that for the league. He definitely has reached that goal."

Doghege still comes back to visit Parsippany Hills before his younger brother Christopher, a sophomore. Doghege has a backup career plan as well. He earned his undergraduate degree in communications and is pursuing a master’s in entrepreneurship and innovation management with a degree in business.

"He’s going to find a way to stick in the NFL," Willerson said. "I think he’s doing it on his own, and he’s doing it without much help."
SECOND PLACE
Andrew Tredinnick
New Jersey Herald
Portfolio

Sports Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 30,000

At the point of the Crusade

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

Holy Cross senior Maddy Smith was a stalwart on the Crusaders' defense in 2019, helping the team to a Patriot League championship. Smith is expected to lead the Crusaders again in 2020.

By Andrea Tredinnick

Maddy Smith was anything but absent from the court during the Holy Cross women's basketball team's practice on Monday. Without the face of one of the team's most dynamic players, the energy and team dynamic seemed a little off.

"I think Maddy will be one of the biggest players on the team this year," said coach Steve Guida. "She's been captain and team leader for the past two years and her presence will be felt on and off the court."
FIRST PLACE
Matt Bove
New Jersey Herald

Portfolio

Kevin Houston, program director of the Rio on One AMI team in Sports, opens a drill of the Miami Heat’s upcoming season in Sports. Houston, who previously held a journalism and psychology analysis, knows opportunity used for the young man’s basketball talents.

Houston’s Hoopsters

Former pro basketball player helping develop Sussex County’s talent

Grown in basketball talents to control a 3-point game since younger days, Houston’s talents have been developed over the years.

Houston/Sports and misconduct in finding his love for basketball, adding on the group’s commitment.

Houston/Sports, a former college basketball player, believes there is an opportunity used for the young man’s basketball talents.
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THIRD PLACE
Bill Evans
South Jersey Times

Portfolio

WRESTLING
STILL THE KING

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

Joshua Burroughs, an Olympic champion from Winslow, beat Tomasz Mordarski Monday at the New York City Beat the Streets Event.

Bill Evans / South Jersey Times

At 30 years old, Burroughs still has it.

Bill Evans / South Jersey Times

Bill Evans / South Jersey Times
Sports Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Justin Toscano
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio

Anatomy of a hot streak

An in-depth look at J.D. Davis’ day, study habits
Sports Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Art Stapleton
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
Column Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Jennifer Chciuk
The West Essex Tribune

Jenny's Journal
Column Writing
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Ryan Loughlin
Atlantic City Weekly

My last $20 at ...
Column Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Michael Izzo
The West Essex Tribune

Michael's Musings
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
New Jersey Herald

No second- or third-place awards given
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, under 30,000

No 2nd or 3rd place award given
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Record (Bergen County)
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
High School Sports Staff
The Star-Ledger
Local Sports Coverage
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Staff
Burlington County Times
Sports Writing Portfolio
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Bill Gelman
The Retrospect

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE

Amit Batra
Observer Tribune

Portfolio

Sports Writing Portfolio
Weekly Division

SPORTS

THE SHOT

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

Members of the West Morris Central High School boys basketball team celebrate after senior Hillier scores at the buzzer to lift the Wolfpack past Jefferson in the Morris County Tournament final. Hillier was named the tournament’s Most Outstanding Player.

"The game was a struggle, especially in the first half," said Head Coach Joe Glaser. "But we fought hard and got the win. It was a great game." Hillier said he was "ecstatic" to win the title. "It feels great to win for our team and our fans," he added.

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Sports Writing Portfolio
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Andrew Garda
Montclair Local

Monties capture first sectional title since 2014

Andrew Garda
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LEICESTER—Montclair High School’s boys tennis team’s 2019 season began with a sectional title win over Glassboro, and the team finished the season with a sectional title win over West Orange.

The Mounties defeated Bernards 4-0 in its final sectional match, setting the stage for the Mounties to move on to the state championship.

Mounties No. 2 singles player Alex Haber said the team’s preparation was key to its success.

"We worked really hard on our serve and return of serve, and it paid off," Haber said.

"The Mounties are really good and tough to beat," said Bernards No. 2 singles player Max Klarman.

"We played well and gave it our all," Klarman said.

The Mounties will now face West Morris in the state championship match on Saturday.

"We’re excited to be here and to win," Haber said.

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THIRD PLACE
Jason Bernstein
The Jersey Journal

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE
Matt Bove
New Jersey Herald

Thrown to the Lion
P.J.'s Jools Aragona moves on to fill void after winning rare 4th regional title
Scholastic Writing
Portfolio
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Jane Havsy
Daily Record
Portfolio

‘Nana’ Carol a key part of West Morris baseball

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

It was a ritual they'd done at every game for years, but rarely during the past two West Morris baseball seasons. "Until two years ago, I never missed a practice. All of a sudden, I'm missing games," said Anthony Calabrese, a former Bernardsville wrestler. "I wasn't going to miss this one. To see him develop, just to see how hard he's throwing, it's incredible."

Though Anthony and RaRi Calabrese, Nick's parents, grew up in Morris County, they relocated to Texas 35 years ago for Anthony's job. Nick Calabrese and his younger sister Molina hadn't started school yet. Nick grew up playing baseball near Flower Mound, Texas, while Molina got involved with rodeo.

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

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

"It hurt my heart," Nick Calabrese.

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Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Kevin Minnick
South Jersey Times

High School Football
Paulsboro legend happy to give back
Longtime assistant coach Harvey: I’m just trying to help the kids like someone helped me

Kevin Minnick, South Jersey Times

He is arguably the greatest player to ever put on a football uniform at Paulsboro High School. In district games, on the field that would make your heart skip just猛地 lowering.
Actual-talent quarterback, defensive back, kick returner, punt returner ... he did it all and did it at an extremely high level.
Kevin Harvey was special. And it wasn’t simply his play at a Group I school and couldn’t have done that at Shawnee, Cherry Hill or Williamstown — make the thought.
Paulsboro’s past produced NFL talent over the years and Harvey is not only one great player to ever play here, but also.
“I was a great day for us when he graduated,” former longtimes Wall High school coach Chuck Silcox said. “He was football and was tomahawk ball with his hands.”
He was graduated in 1998, putting together one of the finest records in South Jersey history. Harvey went on to play at Temple and later was a two-time MVIAA Arena Football 2.
He led Panthers to a state title in basketball, scoring more than 1,000 career points.

SEE KEVIN HARVEY, 82
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Greg Mattura
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
Scholastic Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Tom McGurk
Courier-Post

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

Wellness Bar Offers Shots of Alternative Therapy

**SECTION TWO**

Wellness Bar Offers Shots of Alternative Therapy

**Vitamin Injections on Menu at Retro Fitness**

These looking for a boost may order the Wellness Bar’s favorite shots, which include vitamin B12, B6, and D3. These treatments are designed to boost energy, improve skin, and promote overall health. The Wellness Bar also offers IV therapy, which can provide a rapid boost of nutrients and hydration.

According to Retro Fitness owner Steve Jones, IV therapy has become increasingly popular in recent years. "People are looking for ways to feel their best, and IV therapy offers a convenient and effective solution," he said. "It’s a great alternative to traditional supplements, and we’ve seen a lot of success with our clients who try it."
Robert P. Kelly Award
Weekly Division
SECOND PLACE
Scott Yunker
The Coast Star
Portfolio
Robert P. Kelly Award
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Shaylah Brown
Community News

Portfolio
Business/Government Writing Portfolio
Daily, under 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Mike Deak
Courier News

Portfolio
SECOND PLACE
William Westhoven
Daily Record

Portfolio
Business/Government Writing Portfolio

Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Joan Quigley
The Jersey Journal

Portfolio
BUSINESS/GOVERNMENT
Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Bill Duhart
South Jersey Times

Portfolio

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Business/Government Writing Portfolio

Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE

Max Pizarro
InsiderNJ.com

Portfolio
Business/Government Writing Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Samantha Marcus
The Star-Ledger

Portfolio
Investigative Reporting
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
David Gialanella,
Christine Simmons
New Jersey Law Journal

Budd Larner Closure
Investigative Reporting
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Life-saving actions; A worrying trend
Investigative Reporting
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Fighting to stay together
Signing a powerful song of acceptance; ‘What are the chances?’; Judge gave teen a break, now she’s close to getting law degree

Barry Carter
South Jersey Times
Are you part of Murphy’s middle class?; Bloated police contracts; Gilmore’s hording disorder made him do it?
News Column
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Phil Gianficaro
Burlington County Times

Accept the conclusion of the investigation? No can do; Nothing special about this proposal; It earned a ‘B,’ as in Buckled
News Column
Daily, under 30,000

THIRD PLACE
No award given
Cheers and Jeers

Bruce Tomlinson
New Jersey Herald

Cheers ...

To those who say: "Why don't you just go back to school?"

I'm not saying that the main focus of life should be on education or returning to school. However, it is important to have a balance between work and learning. Going back to school can provide new opportunities and help you grow in different aspects of your life.

Jeers ...

Although people often criticize those who have failed to succeed or those who have struggled, it is important to remember that everyone has their own path and journey. Instead of focusing on the negative aspects, we should celebrate each other's successes and encourage each other's growth.
News Column
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Wayne McCabe
New Jersey Herald

Remembering Newton Brickyard;
Strike at Newton Silk
Arts & Entertainment
Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Pat Johnson
The SandPaper

The Driving While Black Exhibit At Noyes Museum in Hammonton

The driving While Black exhibit at the Noyes Museum in Hammonton. The exhibit aims to address the systemic racism and discrimination faced by black drivers in the United States. It features a collection of photographs, paintings, and multimedia art pieces that explore the experiences of black drivers and the impact of the driving while black phenomenon. The exhibit is open to the public and is a significant contribution to the dialogue on racial justice and equality.
Arts & Entertainment
Writing
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Matt Enuco
The Retrospect

Gradwell House puts Heights on the Musical Map
Arts & Entertainment
Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE

David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel

Portfolio

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A time to try yourself on

Masquerades, carnivals mark Jewish holiday of Purim

By Gwen Orel

What do you think you need to do yourself? A friend of mine once told me that the only way to find yourself is to try yourself on. It sounds simple, but it's not. You have to be brave, you have to be honest, and you have to be willing to take risks.

That's what Purim is all about. It's a time to try yourself on, to embrace the unknown, and to celebrate the triumph of good over evil. The story of Purim is one of triumph against great odds, a story of courage and resilience.

The Purim story begins in ancient Persia, where a Persian king, Ahasuerus, ruled over a vast empire. His queen, Vashti, was beautiful and powerful, but she refused to obey the king's command to appear before him. As a result, she was banished from the palace and replaced by Esther, a Jewish woman whom the king had rescued from certain death.

Esther became queen and used her position to save her people from the evil plot of Haman, a Persian official who sought to exterminate the Jewish people. Esther and her cousin Mordechai outwitted Haman, and the Jewish people were saved.

The Purim holiday is a time to remember and celebrate this triumph. It's a time to dress up in costumes and masks, to revel in the joy of the moment, and to remember the courage and resilience of the Jewish people.

So let's try ourselves on, embrace the unknown, and celebrate the triumph of good over evil. Let's be brave, honest, and willing to take risks, just like the people of Purim.

Gwen Orel
Montclair Local

A time to try yourself on
Special Subject
Writing
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Suzette Parmley
New Jersey Law Journal

How the 'Borgata Babes' Case Has Helped Define Employee Appearance Standards
Special Subject
Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
David Biggy, Gina G. Scala
The SandPaper

Portfolio
THIRD PLACE
Art Stapleton
The Record (Bergen County)

Portfolio
Sports Column
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Jerry Izenberg
The Star-Ledger

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

Updated Oct 21, 2019; Posted Oct 21, 2019
I was a bird-flipping Little League menace - and it’s time to come clean | Politi

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Sports Column
Daily, under 30,000

THIRD PLACE
L.A. Parker
The Trentonian

Portfolio
Sports Column
Daily, under 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Brad Wilson
The Express-Times

Karam part of a passing generation

It’s hard not to feel a generation gap with the resignation of Jody Karam as Liberty High School’s wrestling coach.

For a generation, many of us grew up watching him and his high school wrestling teams win state championships and produce national champions. But now, with Karam leaving the program, it feels like a new chapter is starting.

There were many great wrestlers who came through Liberty during Karam’s tenure, but few have made as big an impact as Karam himself. He was not just a coach, but a mentor and a father figure to many of his wrestlers.

Karam’s influence extended beyond the wrestling room. He was a role model on and off the mat, and his impact was felt throughout the Liberty community.

As Karam moves on to the next phase of his life, it’s fitting that his legacy be remembered. He was a true patriarch of Liberty wrestling, and his contributions will be felt for years to come.

Portfolio
Sports Column
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Andrew Tredinnick
New Jersey Herald

Portfolio
Environmental, Health & Science Writing
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Judy O'Gorman Alvarez
The Two River Times

Easing the Challenges of Cancer Treatments
Environmental, Health & Science Writing
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Green building loophole?
Lake Hopatcong algae is affecting area businesses
Critical Writing
Daily, under 30,000

THIRD PLACE
No winner selected
Critical Writing
Daily, under 30,000

SECOND PLACE
No winner selected
Rock meets country at Musikfest

by ROBERT PRICE
togetherwithworld.com

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Classic rock met classic country on Saturday night before every country took over on Sunday. Those were the ingredients for a flawless opening weekend on Musikfest's Wind Creek Steel Stage as the Steve Miller Band, Marty Stuart and the Fabulous Superlatives, and Lady Antebellum performed sets that more than lived up to their lofty status in their respective genres.

Miller's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, who's been playing his signature harmonica, classic rock-blues rock since 1969, didn't hide his enthusiasm for Stuart and his group, whom Miller called "master musicians." Despite the seemingly odd pairing, the genres of the two seemed to mesh often during the Phish-hour show.

Lady Antebellum, the multi-grammy award-winning trio of Hillary Scott, Charles Kelley and Dave Haywood, simply played their set after him from the seven albums they've released since 2006, and all of their potential hits have been hits from an eight album due out soon.

Miller, 75, now sporting white hair and glasses, opened up with a deep cut from 1977, "Take the Money and Run," and followed with the more familiar "Honky Tonk" and "Tulsa Time."... much too late — finished with what the 8,000 or so fans came for the 1970s hits "Take the Money and Run," "Fly Like an Eagle," including broadening hits and more by both Miller and his band during a long break, "The Bottom," "Yes Sir No 1. hit, and "The Airplane." Marty Stuart and the Fabulous Superlatives opened the evening with their traditional style, rockabilly and honky-tonk, Stuart, who cut his teeth with Lester Flatt and Earl Scruggs, and "Dusty" back in Nashville.

And another highlight was Woodi Guthrie's "Pretty Boy Ford," as the crowd —...
Critical Writing
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Rebecca King
The Record (Bergen County)

Best Burger in NJ
Critical Writing
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Chris Jordan
Asbury Park Press

Portfolio
I'm addicted to this new Italian café and didn't want to tell you about it

By Jessica Remo | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com
Seasonal Businesses Have Until Year 2026 To Pay $15 Minimum
Manasquan restaurants get a reset & Gordon Ramsay greets students on Main Street
Business & Economic Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Pig & Prince pulls out of Lackawanna

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Robert P. Kelly Award - New Journalist
Daily, under 30,000

No 2\textsuperscript{nd} or 3\textsuperscript{rd} place awarded
Robert P. Kelly Award-
New Journalist
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Jessie Gomez
Daily Record
Robert P. Kelly Award-New Journalist
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Joshua Chung
Asbury Park Press
Robert P. Kelly Award-New Journalist
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Alexis Shanes
The Record (Bergen County)
Robert P. Kelly Award-New Journalist
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Cassidy Grom
The Star-Ledger
Education Writing  
Weekly Division  

THIRD PLACE  
Staff  
The SandPaper  

Caring School Cultures  
Outshine HIB Incidents  

The Southern Stafford School District has been proactive in addressing bullying incidents, implementing various initiatives to foster a supportive and inclusive environment. In the 2015-16 school year, the district saw a significant decrease in bullying incidents compared to previous years.

In 2015, there were 31 incidents reported, whereas in 2016, the number dropped to 20. This reduction is attributed to the district's anti-bullying program, which includes:  

1. Regular training sessions for staff on recognizing and preventing bullying.  
2. Student-led anti-bullying campaigns in schools.  
3. Implementing a reporting system that allows students to anonymously report incidents.  
4. Consistent enforcement of anti-bullying policies.  
5. Parental involvement and awareness campaigns.

These initiatives have helped create a safer and more inclusive learning environment, allowing students to feel more secure in their schools. The district continues to monitor and address bullying trends, ensuring a supportive school culture for all students.
SECOND PLACE

David Nahan, Kristen Kelleher, Sam Hutchins
Ocean City Sentinel

Portfolio
Education Writing
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Patrick Reilly
The Ocean Star

Portfolio
Best Headlines
Daily, under 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Kathy Stevens
New Jersey Herald

Beer hops out from underground for Krogh’s 20th

By BRUCE A. SCRUTON

BRIGHTON - The barrels are out of the way after a yearlong plan to tap and the beer that has been stored will be formally tapped on Friday as Krogh’s Restaurant and Brew Pub celebrates its 20th anniversary.

This barrel was the last one put into place of the second section of the barrel cellar, said Paul singer, a director of Krogh’s Restaurant and Brew Pub. The first barrel was put into place in 1998.

This barrel is the first one put into place of the second section of the barrel cellar, said Paul singer, a director of Krogh’s Restaurant and Brew Pub. The first barrel was put into place in 1998.

This barrel has a total of 4,000 bottles of beer that will be enjoyed by customers.

DOT the eyes

TWO lead projects in the state last week moved closer to realization. The planning approval of the Department of Transportation for the construction of a garage in the area.

The project involves the addition of a new garage in the area.

The garage is expected to be completed in 2020 and will provide parking for approximately 2,000 vehicles.

The project will also include the construction of a new road to access the garage. The road is expected to be completed in 2021.
Best Headlines
Daily, under 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Tanya Manthey
The Jersey Journal
Best Headlines
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
John Berry
The Trentonian
Best Headlines
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Amy Kuperinsinsky
The Star-Ledger

Why did Paul McCartney serenade a private N.J. party? His wife wouldn’t dance with another.

Updated Dec 06, 2019; Posted Nov 25, 2019
Best Headlines
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Scott Muller
The Record (Bergen County)
Best Headlines
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Mario Constantino
Burlington County Times
Fresh Approach
to Routine Reporting
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

In search of spots

No visual available
Fresh Approach
to Routine Reporting
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Kristen Kelleher
Ocean City Sentinel

Police, deaf drives break down communication barriers

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Fresh Approach
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FIRST PLACE
Adam Young
The Coast Star
Rescuing a Wrestler

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Leslee Ganss
The SandPaper
In Case You Missed This...
Graphics & Illustration
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Leslee Ganss
The SandPaper

Instant Pot!
Graphics & Illustration  
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE  
Mark Zeigler  
The Retrospect

It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas!
Special Issue
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THIRD PLACE
Alexander Lewis, Carolyn Sampson, Joe Martino
Courier News

Courier News Wish Book
Special Issue
Daily, under 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Jennifer Jean Miller
New Jersey Herald

Christ Episcopal Church celebrates 250 years
Special Issue
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Eric Obernauer
New Jersey Herald

40 years Farmside Gardens
Special Issue
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

The Man Who Lived
Special Issue
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Karen Croke
The Record (Bergen County)

Holidays in NYC
Special Issue
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FIRST PLACE
John Barry, Karen Croke, Tricia Rhinehold, Liz Johnson
The Record (Bergen County)

Woodstock at 50
Rabid Raccoon in Manahawkin
But No Need to Go Batty Over It

Lady Liberty, Barney Might Be Competing For Coca-Cola Ads

Plover Acres: Bring on the Nesters

When Dealing With Ticks Possums Look Gorgeous

NJDEP Issues Warnings About Wildlife in Transition
A Hazelnut Harvest in Monmouth?
Farmers Want to Crack That Nut

By Gretchen C. Van Benthuyesen

For a small state, New Jersey has a big reputation when it comes to unusual foods. It's known for pork roll, a cold Shoopy Joe doll sandwich, disco fries, Trenton tomato pies, the Fat Darrell (French fries, mozzarella sticks and chicken tenders) and numerous kinds of hot dogs with attitude.

But will those dubious delicacies be a match for the small, round hazelnut? Also called a filbert, the nut, until recently, could not be commercially grown east of Oregon due to the Eastern Filbert Blight, a fungus that attacks and kills hazelnut trees and the main reason why there's limited production in eastern North America.

The hazelnut, a key ingredient in Nutella, has been quietly building a Jersey fan base with the help of Rutgers University's Fruit and Ornamental Research Extension Center and the Crown in Monmouth County-run agricultural assistance program.

The round hazelnut, also known as a filbert, is in demand for sandy bars and chocolate favorably. The Nutella spread. Monmouth County is one of the largest hazelnut producers in the nation, with about 600,000 trees in the area. The nuts are harvested by hand, and the shells are removed using a machine.

GRETCHEN C. VAN BENTHUYSEN

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NGA 2019 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Headlines
Weekly Division
SECOND PLACE
Christina Johnson
The Two River Times
Headlines
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Ryan Loughlin
Atlantic City Weekly

TASTE ‘BUDS’
Iron Chefs come together for another year of culinary heaven at Savor Borgata

Hoth and heavy
‘The Empire Strikes Back’ shows the sexy side of the force

By DANIELLE GOMES
On the eve of Star Wars Day (May the Fourth Be With You), the best of the best gathered at the Hoth Corridor, a Star Wars-themed hot spot in the heart of the galaxy. The atmosphere was electric as fans from around the universe gathered to celebrate the iconic film franchise.

Residents of Hoth have long been known for their love of the Star Wars saga, and this year’s event was no exception. The night was filled with music, dancing, and of course, plenty of the Force to be reckoned with.

“A few years ago, we decided to take our Star Wars-themed event to the next level and bring in the best performers from across the galaxy,” said Hoth’s mayor, Laine Nighthawk. “It’s amazing to see how much our fans have grown into this event, and we can’t wait to see what the future holds for Hoth Corridor.”

And while the event was certainly a hit with the fans, it was also a way for the mayor and her council to connect with their constituents. “It’s important for us to make sure our residents feel connected to the galaxy,” Laine explained. “Hoth Corridor is a place where anyone can feel welcome, no matter where they come from.”

With performances from the Imperial Marching Band and appearances from favorite characters like Han Solo and Princess Leia, the night was filled with excitement and wonder. And while the event was bound to end eventually, the impact it had on the community was sure to last for years to come.

In the end, it was clear that Hoth Corridor had once again shown the world what it means to be a true Star Wars fan. With music, dancing, and a little bit of the Force, the night was sure to be one that fans would never forget.
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THIRD PLACE
James Moening
The Express-Times
SECOND PLACE
James Moening
The Express-Times
News/Business
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Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Tanya Manthey
The Jersey Journal
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Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
James Moening
The Star-Ledger
News/Business
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Take Uda
The Record
(Bergen County)
News/Business
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Kayla Golliher
The Record
(Bergen County)
Best Lede
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Eric Avedissian
Ocean City Sentinel

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
Sentinel staff

OCEAN CITY – At first blush, Ed O'Donnell's run for president of the United States is a pie-in-the-sky, quixotic fever dream of feel good platitudes and nostalgia.

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
Sentinel staff

SEA ISLE CITY – The cherubic 8-year-old boy on the video inhaled the e-cigarette deeply and exhaled smoke rings, perfect cloudy halos fluttered through the air as his family, heard in the background, goaded him on with laughter.

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
Sentinel staff

OCEAN CITY – Aggressive gulls swarm the Boardwalk and beach, dive-bomb unsuspecting humans and snatch pizza, French fries or funnel cake. Now the grabby gulls may have met their match.
Best Lede
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper
By RYAN LOUGHLIN

I grew up in Ridgewood. It’s a small town in the heart of North Jersey, just a few miles from the sweeping steel beams of the George Washington Bridge. Just about anybody who lives in this state can tell you that although small in size, its regions vary so greatly they may as well be different countries. In addition to a more New York-type attitude and some very congested highways, North Jersey has its own style of food. It can be best described as a sort of blue collar variant on comfort foods, with items like Italian heroes (not “subs” and DEFINITELY not “hoagies”), breakfast sandwiches on a hard roll, Taylor ham (NOT “pork roll”) and, of course, a variety of types of hot dogs all taking center stage.

By RYAN LOUGHLIN

“Saturday Night Live” is an enigma. It’s the TV show every comic dreams of landing on, yet the stories of working there make it seem more cutthroat than the hardest day on Wall Street. It has served as the launching point for countless film careers and has produced more stars in the world of comedy than just about any other institution, but it also spits out stars as quick as it hires them. And regardless of the clout that comes along with being a former “SNL” cast member, for those who leave and don’t immediately end up as A-lister, staying in the limelight can prove challenging. Think about it — does anybody know what Melanie Hutsell or A. Whitney Brown are up to these days? Does anybody care?

BY RYAN LOUGHLIN

With Mother’s Day weekend upon us, we are tasked with the job of laying out the perfect day for Mom. We want her to feel loved, we want her to feel relaxed and, for one day, we want her to feel like the world’s fate is not resting on her shoulders. This day is about recognizing all she does and giving her some time to sit back and take in the madness around her — albeit from a comfortable chair, perhaps with a cup of tea?
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THIRD PLACE
JoAnne Coughlin Walsh
The Star-Ledger
Feature Section
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Micaela Encinas
The Record (Bergen County)

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FIRST PLACE
Luis Solano
The Record (Bergen County)

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Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Richard Mardekian, France Dulow
The Gazette

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The SandPaper
General Typography & Layout
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Montclair Local
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James Green
The Star-Ledger
Sports Page Design Portfolio
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SECOND PLACE
Ian Young
The Record
(Bergen County)
Sports
Page Design
Portfolio
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Ian Young
Asbury Park Press
THIRD PLACE

Richard Mardekian, Krystle Brennan
The Montclair Times
Front Page Layout
Weekly Division
SECOND PLACE
Jaime Walters
The Ridgewood News
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Front Page Layout
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Gloria Stravelli
The Ocean Star
Editorial Section Layout & Content
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Fred Tuccillo
The Coast Star
Editorial
Section Layout & Content
Weekly Division
SECOND PLACE
David Nahan
Ocean City Sentinel
FIRST PLACE
Gail Travers, Patty McIntyre
The SandPaper
Feature Section
Layout & Content
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
David Biggy,
Pattie McIntyre
The SandPaper
Feature Section
Layout & Content
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Richard Mardekian, Krystle Brennan
The Montclair Times
FIRST PLACE
Gwen Orel, Andrea Bondy, Elizabeth Oguss
Montclair Local
Torres Leads Barnegat Baseball Team To State Tournament Win Over Delsea

Freshman Delivers as Pinelands Tennis Team Reaches Sectional Final

BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE

David Biggy, Pattie McIntyre

The SandPaper
Sports Section
Layout & Content
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Len Bardsley,
Adam Young,
Fred Tuccillo,
Joyce Manser
The Coast Star
Sports Section
Layout & Content
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
David Nahan,
Kristen Kelleher,
Kyle McCrane,
Craig D. Schenck
Ocean City Sentinel
Special Issue
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
David Nahan,
Kristen Kelleher,
Eric Avedissian,
Sam Hutchins
Ocean City Sentinel

The Bridge – Connecting Communities
Special Issue
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Alison Manser Ertl, Donna Poul森
The Coast Star

Newsies
Special Issue
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Katie Bryson, Kate Priest, Owen Proctor
South Bergenite

Dec. 19, 2019
ONLINE AWARDS
Best Web Project
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Colleen O'Dea, Lindsay Rassmann, Adam Cutrone, Ian Elliott
NJ Spotlight

NJ Farmland -- Farming Flourishes in the Garden State
Crack vs. Heroin: An unfair system arrested millions of blacks, urged compassion for whites.
Deadly police chases kill dozens of innocent victims, catch few crooks

Many police pursuits in New Jersey and the nation end tragically and mostly affect black people. Chases commonly start with a simple traffic violation.

Andrew Ford, Asbury Park Press
11:08 a.m. EST Dec. 24, 2019

New Jersey police pursuits killed at least 63 people in the past decade and injured more than 2,500. Nearly half the people injured were bystanders or cops.

New Jersey ranks second in the nation behind Louisiana for the percentage of African Americans killed during police pursuits since 2009, an Asbury Park Press and USA TODAY NETWORK New Jersey Investigation found.
Best Web Project
Weekly
No awards given
Best Multimedia Element

Daily

THIRD PLACE
Paul D'Ambrosio
Asbury Park Press

Crack vs. Heroin - Search your town's drug arrests by race and year

CRACK VS. HEROIN
Search by your state or town our database of more than three decades of arrests

Cocaine arrests
Opioid arrests
Best Multimedia Element
Daily

SECOND PLACE
Danielle Parhizkaran,
Michael V. Pettigano,
Tariq Zehawi
The Record (Bergen County)

Marcal factory fire: Before and After images

Comparing aerial images of the Marcal factory before and after the Jan. 30, 2019 fire that destroyed the plant.
MICHAEL V. PETTIGANO, DANIELLE PARHIZKARAN AND TARIQ ZEHAWI, NORTHJERSEY.COM
8:17 p.m. EST Jan. 31, 2019
Best Multimedia Element
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Andre Malok
The Star-Ledger

The Man Who Lived
Best Multimedia Element
Weekly
No awards given
Best Video
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Natalie Paterson
The Star-Ledger

12 Days of Jersey
Best Video
Daily

SECOND PLACE
Michael Karas
The Record (Bergen County)

Bike life in North Jersey
Best Video
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Michael Karas
The Record (Bergen County)

Paterson police patrol unit ride along
Best Video
Weekly

No awards given
Innovation Award
Weekly
No award given
Innovation Award

Daily

THIRD PLACE

Staff, Mike DellaVecchia
The Press of Atlantic City

Reinventing Atlantic City project
Innovation Award

SECOND PLACE

Brent Johnson, Erin Petenko, Yan Wu

The Star-Ledger

New Jersey's Map of the Stars
Innovation Award
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Blake Nelson, Karen Yi, Michael Sol Warren
The Star-Ledger

How did lead get in the water?
We drew a comic to show you.
Online Breaking News

Weekly

THIRD PLACE

Adam Anik
Montclair Local

Equality Walk
Online Breaking News
Weekly

SECOND PLACE
Adam Anik
Montclair Local

Montclair Celebrates Italian Culture and Sister City Aquilonia
Online Breaking News
Weekly

FIRST PLACE
Gina G. Scala
The SandPaper

Board Majority Greenlights December Referendum to Rehab LBI School
Salon owners married for 5 decades and set to retire killed in N.J. Their son is charged in their murders.
Online Breaking News
Daily

SECOND PLACE
Staff
The Star-Ledger

Rutgers fires Chris Ash

Chris Ash fired as Rutgers football coach; Nunzio Campanile will take over
Updated Sep 29, 2019; Posted Sep 29, 2019
Online Breaking News

Daily

FIRST PLACE
Staff
Asbury Park Press

Ocean Grove Fire

The pavilion at the north end of the Ocean Grove boardwalk is shown (left) on March 20, 2019, and then (right) as a massive fire consumed the structure Saturday, April 13, 2019. (Photo: Thomas P. Costello, Tariq Zehawi & Danielle Parhizkaran)
Best Web Event
Weekly
No awards given
Best Web Event

Daily

THIRD PLACE
David P. Willis,
Stacey Barchenger,
Mike Davis,
Thomas P. Costello
Asbury Park Press

Lakewood 2030: This is the future of the fastest growing NJ township

Lakewood Township is New Jersey’s fastest-growing township and it is going through a business boom.

David P. Willis and
Stacey Barchenger, Asbury Park Press
Published 5:50 a.m. ET April 19, 2019 | Updated 9:40 a.m. ET Dec. 30, 2019
American Dream mall opens today. Here are the first photos from inside.

Updated Oct 25, 2019; Posted Oct 25, 2019
Best Web Event
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Joe Martucci
The Press of Atlantic City

May 28 to 30 Severe Weather Outbreak
Best Use of Social Media
Weekly

THIRD PLACE
Adam Anik,
Kelly Nicholaides
Montclair Local

Kwanzaa
Best Use of Social Media
Weekly

SECOND PLACE
Adam Anik
Montclair Local

Break the Hate
Best Use of Social Media
Weekly

FIRST PLACE
David Biggy
The SandPaper
Best Use of Social Media

Daily

THIRD PLACE

Joe Martucci
The Press of Atlantic City
Best Use of Social Media

SECOND PLACE
Adam Clark, Alyssa Passeggio, John Shabe
The Star-Ledger

Gone at 15
Best Use of Social Media

Daily

FIRST PLACE

Courtney Marabella
Asbury Park Press

Crack vs. Heroin social media plan

CRACK VS. HEROIN

An unfair system arrested millions of blacks, urged compassion for whites

A racial double standard has been hard-wired into the nation’s drug laws and criminal justice system since the heyday of the crack epidemic and continues today.

Shannon Mullen, Lisa Robyn Kruse, Austin Bogues, and Andrew J. Goudsward, Asbury Park Press
Updated 12:39 p.m. EST Dec. 9, 2019
Video Portfolio
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Melissa Ibarra
The Star-Ledger
Video Portfolio
Daily

SECOND PLACE

Andre Malok
The Star-Ledger
Video Portfolio
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Brian Johnston
Asbury Park Press

Restoring memories in Marlboro Township

Michael and Kathleen Robianni have lived and worked at their clock and doll repair shop for 25 years.

BRIAN JOHNSTON, ASBURY PARK PRESS

5:00 a.m. EST Nov. 29, 2019
Video Portfolio
Weekly
No awards given
Best Video Series

THIRD PLACE
Andre Malok, Melissa Ibarra, Chelsea LoCascio
The Star-Ledger

You've Never Seen New Jersey Like This
Best Video Series Daily

SECOND PLACE Staff
Asbury Park Press

Red Zone Road Show

Videos

Red Zone Road Show: Check out all the football action across ...
Asbury Park Press - Oct 16, 2019

NJ Football: Games across NJ as Woodbridge hosts the Red ...
Asbury Park Press - Oct 23, 2019

The Red Zone Road Show brings high school football ...
Asbury Park Press - Aug 30, 2019
NJPA 2019 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Best Video Series Daily

FIRST PLACE
Andre Malok, Natalie Paterson, Andrew Harlan
The Star-Ledger

Calories Don't Count
NJPA 2019 NEWSPAPER CONTEST

Best Video Series
Weekly

No awards given
Best Audio
Daily

THIRD PLACE
Steve Politi, James Kratch, Keith Sargeant
The Star-Ledger

Rutgers Rant
Best Audio Daily
SECOND PLACE
Bobby Olivier
The Star-Ledger
Springsteen x 70

SPRINGSTEEN
x 70
A LIMITED SERIES PODCAST FROM NJ.COM
Best Audio
Daily

FIRST PLACE
Bianca Velazquez,
Natalie Paterson
The Star-Ledger

Today in N.J.

TODAY IN N.J.
NJ.COM DAILY BRIEFING
Best Audio
Weekly
No awards given
Responsible Journalism Awards
Editorial Comment
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Garry Herzog
The Madison Eagle

Portfolio

This is no time to ease up

A year ago, we weren't talking about a "partial" federal government shutdown, a failure of politics from the Oval Office. We were talking about the Women's March on New Jersey, which brought dozens of local residents to Morristown in an example of a people's movement to fix politics from the grassroots up.

So, in 2018 a time to ease off the "Spirit of 2019"?

Ask our congressman, Rep. Mikie Sherrill, D-11, who rode the wave of enthusiasm and empowerment to win election to a first term last year. Her situation is instructive of what went right in 2018 and what is still wrong in 2019.

Sherrill was all set to hold her first "town hall" meeting this week when she had to postpone because Congress had been called back into session to grapple with the shutdown, the longest in our history. Now the "town hall" has been rescheduled — finally — for 7 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Participatary Policy Athletic League (PAL) Center at 11 Baldwin Road. Because of the mess in Washington, it's still subject to rescheduling.

All of which leads us to: No, this is not the time to "ease up" on involvement in government.

Start local. Right now, governing bodies and boards of education are beginning the hard work of crafting budgets. There is no more opportune time to dive in, get involved and understand where the money is going and how it is being spent.
Editorial Comment
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Brett Ainsworth
The Retrospect

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Mike Condon
The Citizen of Morris County

Portfolio
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THIRD PLACE
Fred Snowflack
InsiderNJ.com

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Jay Lassiter
InsiderNJ.com

Portfolio
The restoration of felon voting rights must not be held up by politics | Editorial

Posted Jan 25, 2019
Editorial Comment
Daily, under 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Margaret Schmidt
The Jersey Journal

Portfolio

IN OUR OPINION

Just say ‘No’ to park land grab

Monday’s “Bah Humbug” from state Sen. Sandra Cunningham still has us reeling.

Maybe she’s just the messenger and the real story is that too many of her colleagues in Trenton are swayed more by a billionaire’s campaign contributions than by the priceless natural habitats at the Caven Point Peninsula in Liberty State Park.

But, still, her comments about looking to find compromise — and the attendant votes — on the Liberty National Golf Course’s greedy attempt at a literal land grab are just shocking. And utterly, utterly disappointing.

“I think Liberty Park is a beautiful place and I think that it is a wonderful place for people to come in and sit down and meditate and look at the water and find a little peace and quiet,” Cunningham told our reporter. “However, I do want it to be a place where all of the community can come in and enjoy it as well.”

What?

All of the community is able to come in and enjoy Liberty State Park now.

But, if the golf course and its billionaire campaign donor owner Paul Fireman have their way, 22 acres of environmentally sensitive beach and wetlands that are home to nesting areas for migrating birds and other wildlife will be taken away from the public and turned into three holes of a super-exclusive private golf club.

It’s that plain and that simple. A lobbyist for the golf course put forth the idea during hearings on the Liberty State Park Protection Act, proposed legislation that would ban the type of commercialization they’re seeking. The proposed act was close to being approved and sent to the governor for his signature when the lobbying started and quickly moved into high gear. Their idea is to put an amendment into the proposed act that would exclude the Caven Point Peninsula.

In exchange, they say they’ll fund environmental remediation and institute a program for inner-city kids to learn the sport. State Sen. Paul Suntu of Bergen County, chairman of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee, should have had the courage to stand up to Fireman’s people and say thanks but no thanks — and, oh, by the way, if you want to help inner-city kids, there’s nothing stopping you from doing it now, except, maybe, you really don’t care. Instead, he insisted that advocates for the act meet with representatives of the golf course to find some common ground where there can be none.

It’s not too late for Cunningham, Suntu and Senate President Sweeney to stop this charade. Hudson County’s full delegation, Mayor Palumbo, County Executive DeGise and other elected officials must get behind the act as it stands and convince the full Senate and Assembly to vote for it now and reject the destruction of Caven Point Peninsula.
Editorial Comment
Daily, under 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Bruce Tomlinson
New Jersey Herald

Portfolio
Editorial Comment
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
James Flagg
The Express-Times

Portfolio

RESPONSIBLE JOURNALISM
Getting crowded

Neighbors concerned by development on Hahne’s lot
by Jaimie Julia Winters

Rev. Scott Sammler-Michael is not necessarily worried so much about the traffic, the parking problem or the density of a new housing unit set to break ground soon next to his church, it’s that the wall to the five-story building will block the sun streaming through the windows of the sanctuary at Sammler-Michael’s Unitarian Universalist Congregation church. The church was built in 1887 and is one of the last Craftsman-style churches still in use.

“That wall will diminish the beauty and use of that space,” Sammler-Michael said. “I wish the height would be pushed back from our sanctuary window so it gives us the earliest possible sunlight gain.”

HMH Properties of Hoboken has plans to build a mixed-use development on the site of the former

SEE HAHNE’S, PAGE 10
Enterprise
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Brett Friedensohn
The Citizen of Morris County

Dover’s Homeless Population Braces The Cold
Enterprise
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Life in a construction zone

‘It’s more than just the noise,’ residents say

For residents living in the wake of Montclair’s ongoing development boom, their days are filled with constant noise, hindered access to homes and storefronts, and the smell of idling diesel trucks that also take up precious parking spots, and trash-exposure.

For Esther Freeman, who lives across from the newly opened MC Hotel and the newly constructed Orange Road garage, the construction meant her street was closed for almost a year as cows took up residence and took away available parking spots, while construction vehicles traced their way everywhere, she said.

“I am still cleaning up from the MC Hotel,” she said, planning board members at a long, heated for the MC Residence, a 40-unit housing development planned for the lot between the hotel and the garage.

“There are no tax breaks for us, we just lose money. I feel like I am working yet not getting paid.”

See CONSTRUCTION, page 14.
Enterprise
Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Stacey Barchenger,
Lindy Washburn
The Record (Bergen County)

Aid-in-Dying Law
Enterprise
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Matthew Stanmyre
The Star-Ledger

The Day That Changed Everything
Enterprise
Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Spencer Kent
The Star-Ledger

The Man Who Lived
A beloved couple, their son’s demons and a violent end. The story of the Warner family.

News

Updated Nov 13, 2019; Posted Nov 12, 2019

The story of the Warner family

Pictured are Joy and Frank Warner of Washington Township. The couple were found killed Sunday, Oct. 27, 2019 at their home in an age 55-and-over housing development.
SECOND PLACE
Margaret Schmidt
The Jersey Journal

Jersey City mayor Building
Seaside Home in New England
Unraveling of JCETP

How McGreevey-led jobs and reentry program went from national model to political firestorm

By Jordan Wolman

The Jersey Journal

A LOOK AT THE DRAMA AT THE JERSEY CITY EMPLOYMENT TRAINING PROGRAM

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FIRST PLACE

Jordan Wolman
The Jersey Journal
Coverage of Government

Art Weissman

Memorial Award
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Eric Avedissian
Ocean City Sentinel

Portfolio

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Coverage of Government

Art Weissman

Memorial Award
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Portfolio

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Coverage of Government

Art Weissman

Memorial Award
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Jacob Perry
The Bernardsville News

Portfolio
Cops in this N.J. town got paid for vacation and golf on ‘union time’

Updated Aug 13, 2019; Posted Aug 13, 2019

By Alex Napoliello | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com and Stephen Stirling | NJ Advance Media for NJ.com

Dozens of officers at the embattled police department in Franklin Township, Somerset County cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars over several years by misusing an obscure paid time off policy, NJ Advance Media has learned.

The policy, spelled out in the township’s contract with the officers’ union, is supposed to compensate union officials and their “designees” for time spent conducting union business.
First Amendment

Art Weissman

Memorial Award
Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Katie Sobko, Kristie Cattafi
The Record (Bergen County)

League of Municipalities: Officials splurge at taxpayers' expense

No visual available
New Jersey lawmakers and their second jobs
Coverage of Government

Art Weissman

Memorial Award

Daily, under 30,000

THIRD PLACE

No award given
Coverage of Government

Art Weissman

Memorial Award

Daily, under 30,000

SECOND PLACE

Lori Comstock

New Jersey Herald

Portfolio

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Coverage of Government

Art Weissman
Memorial Award
Daily, under 30,000

FIRST PLACE
Eric Obernauer
New Jersey Herald

Montague school board faces backlash
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Rick Mellerup
The SandPaper
Portfolio
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division

SECOND PLACE
Charles Toutant
New Jersey Law Journal

Sexual Harassment Settlements Cost New Jersey Judiciary $1M Since 2014
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division

FIRST PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Former deputy chief still on payroll
First Amendment Award
Weekly Division

No awards given
Public Service

Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Weekly Division

THIRD PLACE
Bethany Mitros
The Retrospect

Beating Addiction with Project SAVE
Public Service

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SECOND PLACE
Jaimie Julia Winters
Montclair Local

Lackawanna Plaza series

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Affordable housing series
Public Service

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Daily, over 30,000

THIRD PLACE

Jo Ciavaglia, Jim McGinnis

Burlington County Times

Unclaimed

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Public Service

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Daily, over 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Adam Clark
The Star-Ledger

Gone at 15

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Public Service

Lloyd P. Burns

Memorial Award

Daily, over 30,000

FIRST PLACE

Abbott Koloff, Jean Rimbach

The Record (Bergen County)

Cashing in on Charter Schools

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Public Service

Lloyd P. Burns
Memorial Award
Daily, under 30,000

THIRD PLACE
Nick Muscavage
Home News Tribune

Cabuse and church's response, both Catholic and Presbyterian

Longtime Linden minister used oral sex in exorcism ritual, men claim

A Presbyterian minister with deep ties to Union County stands accused of using oral sex in exorcism rituals on victims seeking his counseling.

Nick Muscavage, Courier News and Home News Tribune
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Editor's note: This article contains graphic descriptions that are sexual in nature. The three individuals making the allegations have agreed to allow their names and details of the allegations from the testimonies to be published. Reader discretion is advised.

A Presbyterian minister, who said he was following the Bible, used Native American exorcism rituals, gemstones and even oral sex to extract "evil spirits" from men undergoing crises in their lives, the church and men claim.

The so-called healing acts, which date to 1999, were allegedly performed by the Rev. Dr. William Weaver, a prominent Presbyterian minister who served as pastor at Linden Presbyterian Church for 39 years, one of two Presbyterian churches in Linden, a city with a population of over 40,000. He also held several public roles, including chaplain for a county police department.
Public Service
Lloyd P. Burns Memorial Award
Daily, under 30,000

SECOND PLACE
Cheryl Makin, Nick Muscavage, Paul Grzella
Courier News

Caregivers in Crisis
Public Service

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**FIRST PLACE**

Eric Obernauer
New Jersey Herald

Vernon dump site

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General Excellence

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