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MCC Hosts Casino Night Fundrasier

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Middlesex County College hosted their Seventh Annual Casino Night in West Hall on the Edison campus, which was organized by the MCC Foundation in an effort to raise money to provide scholarships to students, on Friday, Feb. 23 from 6:30 to 9:45 p.m.

Guests had access to a buffet, dessert and a selection of beverages, and music was also provided.

Games featured this year included roulette, blackjack, craps and poker. For every \$150 in chips, players would receive one ticket board.

Tickets could then be used to participate in raffles for a selection of prizes (as chips could not be exchanged for cash).

Director of development and alumni relations, Veronica Clinton, said, "This is one of our main fundraising events; it is exciting for two reasons. One, we get to see a lot of people we know and our support-

ers, while we get [to] see them having fun, but in the end of the day we get to raise money to have the ability to aid students with scholarships and help the school, and this makes the event such a fulfilling to host."

Mark Banyacski, director of financing, said, "Quite honestly, I've been with the casino committee for seven years. We started with a very small group and a small group of attendees, and now we have grown to the point in which we have sold out each and every year."

"I'm thrilled it brings people together from the college and from the community. We raise funds for scholarships and for the foundation. It's a definite win for everyone involved and I'm very pleased and proud to be part of the casino committee," Banyacski said.

Casino Night met the goal of exceeding proceeds from past events.

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Photo Courtesy of Middlesex County College

MCC Foundation's Casino Night fundraiser was designed to help raise money for student scholarships.

Ex-MCC Coach Admits to Sexually Assaulting Teens

By Harsh Godhani
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Christopher Tarver, 46, of Jackson, a former Dunellen recreation director and former Middlesex County College men's basketball coach, was recently convicted of sexually assaulting a teenage basketball player for two years and pleaded guilty to criminal charges involving two additional victims on Feb. 22.

Tarver pleaded guilty to endangering the welfare of a child by engaging in sexual conduct with the child, two counts of official misconduct and one count of engaging in a pattern of official misconduct, according to Middlesex County Prosecutor, Andrew C. Carey, reported by nj.com.

Under an open plea agreement reached with Assistant Prosecutor, Brian Shevlin, Tarver is facing a prison term of up to 25 years to run concurrent to the sentence he will receive for his 2017 trial conviction.

"As an open plea, there is no agreement as to the time he faces in state prison; that is left to the judge's discretion," the prosecutor's office said in a statement, reported by nj.com.

Tarver is scheduled to be sentenced in New Brunswick by

State Superior Court Judge, Colleen Flynn, on May 4 for his plea agreement.

On Nov. 15, 2017, a Middlesex County jury found Tarver guilty of 20 sexual assault counts: eight counts of endangering the welfare of a child, one count of engaging in a pattern of official misconduct, one count of sexual assault, five counts of criminal sexual contact, four counts of official misconduct and one count of endangering the welfare of a child by possessing child pornography.

The charges of official misconduct stem from "having sexually explicit conversations and sending sexually explicit text messages to another individual and giving him marijuana and alcohol sometime between Oct. 1, 2012 and Oct. 31, 2013," according to the prosecutor's statement following his indictment in Jan. 2015.

Tarver sexually assaulted one minor on 16 different occasions between June 1, 2010 to Dec. 31, 2011, with at least one of the assaults occurring in the sauna in the Physical Education Center at the Edison campus of Middlesex County College, according to Assistant Prosecutor, Brian Shevlin.

Tarver is facing a prison term of up to 50 years for the 2017

trial conviction, which will be sentenced in March 9, by Middlesex County Superior Court Judge Colleen Flynn.

Tarver is still being investigated for sexual assault of another victim outside of the several already reported. However, there have been no statements about additional charges.

County officials began their investigation after one of the victims, now an adult, notified authorities. That victim was a member of the Monmouth Power Sports Club, a travelling basketball team affiliated with the AAU. Tarver had been the coach and executive director of the team since 1995.

All victims were between the ages of 15 and 20 during the time of their assault.

Tarver was employed as the recreation director in Dunellen in 2004, but was suspended from his position soon after he was arrested in 2014.

Tarver was also employed as a men's basketball coach at Middlesex County College from Oct. 21, 2006 to March 5, 2014, and became the head coach on June 24, 2010.

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Phi Theta Kappa Inducts New Members for Spring Semester



Photo Courtesy of Middlesex County College

Middlesex County College's Upsilon Gamma chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held their bi-annual inductions in the West Hall, Parkview Room on Feb. 28.

Zawadi African Dance and Drums Event Pays Tribute

By Claudia Ugbana
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MCC hosted a Zawadi African Dance and Drum event that took place in the College Center cafeteria on Feb. 22 from noon to 2 p.m., in celebration of Black History Month.

Assistant Director of Student Life, Ode Hoppie, started the event with a brief introduction. "Welcome to the Zawadi African Dance and Drum celebrating Black History Month. We are happy to see everyone here today in attendance, and we hope you enjoy the show," said Hoppie.

Next was a follow-up introduction by one of the drummers participating in the event who engaged the crowd with a series of questions and background information on Black History Month.

Student Life Coordinator, Mary Tutalo, walked around the cafeteria handing out free movie tickets to students who answered questions and actively engaged in the event.

The performances began with a drum set by three male drummers who performed two consecutive times, as Tutalo encouraged students to cheer them on.

According to one of the drummers, Black History Month was founded by Carter G. Woodson in 1926, and the red, black and green Pan-African flag was founded in 1920.

As the drummers began a third performance, they were joined by three women dressed in an African Attire called Aso-Ebi, which is traditionally worn by Nigerian women and some West African cultures.

A performance by a male dancer on stilts was the highlight of the event, as he gained cheers and a standing ovation from the audience.

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Photo Courtesy of Coby Cunningham

The Zawadi Dance and Drums Event helped spread a positive message of African Culture and Black History Month.

'American Crime Story: Versace' Stuns Audience with Performances

By Claire Lacy
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The second season of FX's "American Crime Story" is based on the real-life event of the assassination of Gianni Versace, a globally-known fashion designer.

"American Crime Story: The Assassination of Gianni Versace" began on Jan. 17 and is currently on its seventh episode, as of early March.

Like FX's popular "American Horror Story," both seasons of this series so far have had completely different storylines.

A key difference, however, is that "American Crime Story" is based on real-life events.

Like many other TV shows and films based on real events, there is surely some fabrication in this series.

However, the general story of this season (minus some made-up details for entertainment purposes) is true; Gianni Versace's murderer, Andrew Cunanan, was on a killing spree before he got to Versace.

This season, so far, has mostly revolved around the psychotic character of Andrew Cunanan, and his murders before Versace's.

The casting for this series has been impeccable.

Cunanan (who is essentially the main character of this season so far, not Versace) is played by former "Glee" star, Darren Criss.

Criss captures the psychotic charm of Cunanan, as if he really did act like that.

He is sure to creep out audience members with how delusional he is, in a similar way that Freddie Highmore did while playing Norman Bates in "Bates Motel."

The other three occurring characters, so far, are Gianni Versace (played by Edgar Ramirez), Versace's sister Donatella (played by Penelope Cruz) and Versace's long-time boyfriend, Antonio D'Amico (played by Ricky Martin).

Both Cruz and Ramirez show the closeness of Gianni and Donatella very well.

Cruz does an amazing job at imitating Donatella's famous, thick Italian accent.

"American Crime Story: The Assassination of Gianni Versace," so far, has focused on a few of Cunanan's victims, not just Versace.

Homophobia is an issue discussed throughout this season, as a few (if not all) of Cunanan's victims were gay.

It has been said in the mini-series that Cunanan targeted closeted gay men, though he was believed to be gay himself.

"American Crime Story: The Assassination of Gianni Versace" is unique, suspenseful, emotional and overall, impressive.

It is impressive from the acting and costumes to the storyline.

Those who love crime shows or shows based off real events would enjoy this mini-series.

In certain scenes, audience members will surely feel heartbroken for the loved ones of the murder victims as well as anxious to see what Cunanan will do next.

There is still so much that is unanswered in the season.

Hopefully there will be a satisfying ending for audience members to wrap up this suspenseful and somewhat shocking season of "American Crime Story."

To enjoy this show to its fullest, one should not allow themselves to know much about the actual case of Andrew Cunanan and let it all unfold for them with the TV show, though some of it may be fiction.

New episodes of "American Crime Story: The Assassination of Gianni Versace" are on FX on Wednesdays at 10 p.m.

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MCC Dance Ensemble Presents Spring Concert

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The MCC Dance Ensemble is presenting their free spring concert, "Props to Dance," in the Performing Arts Center Theatre, which will be danced and choreographed by a combination of current students, alumni and guest artists, on April 28 at 7 p.m. and April 29 at 2 p.m.

There will be 16 pieces in the show.

Artistic director of the MCC Dance Ensemble, Professor Aimee Mitacchione, said the MCC Dance Ensemble holds their dance auditions the first Friday of each semester, and the concert takes place toward the end of the semester.

"It is free admission, open to the public of all ages," said Mitacchione.

Official posters and press release will become available closer

to the date of the performance.

"Dance is form of expression through the medium of movement. At MCC, I encourage the choreographers to step out of their comfort zone, go beyond what they have already learned in their prior dance training and try to challenge the audience to think about their concept in a new and unique way that is truly authentic to who they are as artists."

"The dancers, whether they are dance majors or not, are our future ambassadors for the art form and advocates for the arts. We need audiences to support their endeavors, as the arts ultimately produce the possibility to examine and celebrate the human condition," said Mitacchione.

There is a Facebook page, Middlesex County College Dance and an Instagram, dancemccnj.

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The College's TV Guide for March 7 to 13

By Samantha Casano
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Talk less and smile more when "Hamilton: One Shot to Broadway" airs on Ovation on Wednesday, March 7 at 10 p.m. According to the Ovation website, this unauthorized documentary tells the incredible story of "how a group of inspired mavericks made an unlikely marriage of hip-hop and history the biggest musical in America."

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The search for the next "American Idol" gets underway with the reboot of the O.G. primetime singing competition. Ryan Seacrest is back with three new judges (Katy Perry, Luke Bryan and Lionel Richie) on a new network (ABC). The journey begins on Sunday, March 11 at 8 p.m.



Photo Courtesy of ABC Disney

American Idol is making a return with three new judges.

The monarchy is back when "The Royals" returns for season four on E! on Sunday, March 11 at 10 p.m. This deliciously dramatic series chronicles the fictitious story of the British royal family. According to the E! website, the new season promises a royal wedding, major cat fights, another assassination attempt and the return of guest star Joan Collins.

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Wedding bells are ringing in the season finale of "This Is Us" on NBC on Tuesday, March 13 at 9 p.m. According to the Entertainment Weekly website, the last episode of the season will "culminate at a big, moving family event, which would presumably be Kate's wedding." Keep the tissues handy, though, because the twists and turns in the story of the beloved Pearson family always seem to have us bawling.

When the tears have subsided, stay tuned at 10 p.m. for the long-anticipated premiere of "Rise," starring Josh Radnor and Rosie Perez. The NBC website calls it "a heartening new drama about finding inspiration in unexpected places." In this first episode, a dedicated teacher takes over a high school's theater department and shakes things up, leading to exciting changes and big dreams for his students.

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Chef at Heirloom Kitchen Nominated for Best Chef in the Mid-Atlantic Region

By Lauren Musni
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Chef David Viana of Heirloom Kitchen in Old Bridge has been nominated as a semifinalist for the James Beard Foundation Award for best chef in the Mid-Atlantic Region, and will find out if he is in the top five on March 13.

The James Beard Foundation awards are referenced as, "The Oscars of the Food World." Chefs are chosen from a list of about twenty-five thousand, all from different regions across the United States and are recognized by their talent, dedication, hard work and the restaurant they represent.

The winner will receive a medal and a certificate, as well as gain a lot of publicity and a feeling of great satisfaction, according to the James Beard Foundation website.

According to owner and founder, Neilly Robinson, Heirloom Kitchen originally started out as a retail store and a place that offered cooking classes to the public when it first opened a few years ago. However, Robinson wanted to expand Heir-



Photo Courtesy of Heirloom Kitchen

Chef David Viana has been nominated for Best Chef in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

loom Kitchen by also turning it into a restaurant.

In 2016, she partnered with Viana and opened the doors of Heirloom Kitchen as a fine dining

farm-to-table restaurant on Friday to Sunday while still offering cooking classes during the week.

Viana said, "I wanted to create a place that would change the mold of a traditional restaurant; to correct some of the inadequacies or inequalities of the restaurant world." When Heirloom Kitchen first opened in 2016, they only had five reservations the first day.

Viana said, "Everything I do, I put a lot of heart and soul into it. Neilly was a little worried the first day we opened, but I just told her to take it one plate at a time."

Heirloom Kitchen now has about 75 reservations on average every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

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Photo Courtesy of Heirloom Kitchen

Featured is an octopus dish from Heirloom Kitchen.

Makeup Tips and Reviews: The Best Face Masks

By Samantha Casano
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One of the most important parts of makeup is not actually makeup—it's skincare. When your skin is healthy and glowing, it allows your makeup to apply and look much smoother.

Maybe after a rough day, a long school week or during a girl's night, you just want to relax and pamper yourself. Today, I will recommend some of my favorite face masks, which are all essential in my own routine.

All the masks I am recommending are by a company called Lush Cosmetics. Lush is known for their fresh and natural handmade skincare products; they are 100% vegetarian and 80% vegan.

My skin tends to get super dry during the winter, which means it also gets very red. To combat this redness, I use Lush

Cosmetic's Birth of Venus Jelly Mask. Since it is a jelly mask, it is a little more unconventional to use. The way you apply it is by pinching off a piece, working it between your hands to create a paste and applying this paste to the skin. Birth of Venus refreshes the skin because of the soothing lavender and fresh rose infusion. You can purchase this mask for \$13.95 at any Lush store or on the Lush website.

When my skin is breaking out or just seems really irritated, I like to use Lush Cosmetic's Cupcake Fresh Face Mask. This mask was specifically designed for oily skin. With its cooling spearmint oil, vanilla absolute and deep cleansing Rhassoul mud, this mask is a sweet treat for the skin. And yes, for your information, it does smell like a chocolate cupcake. I mean, could it get any bet-

ter? Cupcake is \$9.95, but since all the ingredients are super fresh, you can only buy this one in stores.

My third favorite mask is my holy grail, Lush Cosmetic's Mask of Magnaminty. This mask is super refreshing. It was formulated to be an intensely cleansing scrub, but without ingredients that are too harsh and abrasive. Mask of Magnaminty includes kaolin clay and peppermint oil to get the debris out of your pores, as well as ground adzuki beans to exfoliate and honey to soothe and moisturize the skin. This mask retails for \$14.95, and you can purchase it at Lush stores or on their website.

By using these masks, your skin will be soothed, hydrated and refreshed for days!

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Person-on-the-Street: Do you believe Canvas is better than Campus Cruiser? Why?

By Tia Taylor
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1. "It's okay. It is pretty easy, I think. At first I had some difficult time because I could not log in. I could not claim my net ID, but once I got it, it is pretty similar to Campus Cruiser."



Name: Alejandra Diaz
Hometown: North Brunswick
Major: Communications



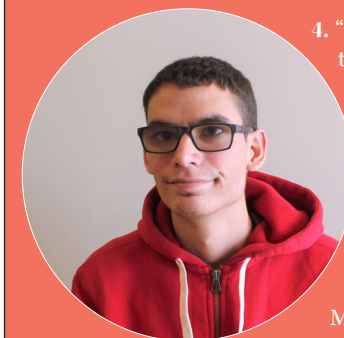
2. "I like it much better. It is much more organized and I feel that the teachers know how to use it better. So, it keeps everybody on the same page."

Name: Quiana Starks
Hometown: Edison
Major: Biology

3. "Personally, I think it is better, but the fact that we have just changed, a lot of professors including students are not use to it yet. Especially for professors, I know when they are not text savvy, they have trouble emailing us or telling us what assignments we have so that is kind of annoying. Personally, I know other colleges use it, so it is a lot more official and more organized, but I think we will get more use to it as the semester goes by or future semesters, but as of right now it is kind of annoying adjusting to it. Also the teachers have to adjust to it so it makes things kind of complicated sometimes. For example; my teacher did not know how to use codes and email it to us, so I thought this is kind of annoying."



Name: Joel Velasquez
Hometown: Piscataway
Major: Graphic Design



4. "It's alright. It is taking a bit getting use to. I just started using Campus Cruiser last semester and now you are learning a whole new system. I have to say if I had to compare the two . . . I like Campus Cruiser a bit, just a tad bit more."

Name: Richard Michael Layman
Hometown: Fords
Major: Video Game Design

5. "It is a bit inconvenient because submitting assignments in the Campus Cruiser was much more easier because we were more use to it. Recently, [in] my Computer Science class, I submitted an assignment and it did not reach my professor. So in order to submit my assignment, I had to get all of the documents and submit it in a folder and then I was able to send it. In [a] sense of submitting assignments are inconvenient, but other than that it is fine."

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Men's Basketball Team Loses To Passaic in First Round Of Playoffs



Victor Spencer (#12) shoots a mid-range basket against Passaic County.

By Matthew Thornton
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The Blue Colts Men's Basketball team played their first playoff game of the season at Passaic County College on Feb. 24 at noon.

The Blue Colts were defeated in close game with a final score of 78-69.

This was the Colts last game of the season.

This battle between these two teams started off fast-paced.

Both teams pushed the ball and made plays early.

There was constant back and forth action, but neither team could gain or extend their lead.

Going into halftime, Passaic County was up 34-32.

The Blue Colts would come out of half-time sloppy, committing a handful of turnovers which led to easy scores for their opponent.

They were also in foul trouble late in the game and gave up a lot of second chance points to their opponent.

These errors would increase their deficit.

Jamarr Joseph of the Blue Colts said, "We had too many turnovers in this game, we also failed to capitalize of mistakes and turnovers

by the other team. These two errors cost us the game."

Joseph said, "I put some of the blame on myself. I didn't push the guys enough. We needed to play with more intensity and heart...As the heart of the team, it is my responsibility to make sure the team was prepared."

The captain of the Colts, Jaquan Robertson, finished the game with 29 points and six rebounds.

Joseph also had a good game putting up 19 points, as well as 14 rebounds to obtain a double-double for himself.

Joseph said, "We needed to be more consistent we played well some games but had some really bad games as well"

He said that he was going to work on his game this off season to give his team a better shot of winning a championship.

Joseph also said, "I plan to work on my speed, handles and my consistency."

Joseph said he is looking forward to coming back next year new and improved, as he wants to win badly.

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Photo Courtesy of Christian Grullon

Men's Basketball Team Improves Season Under Dixon's Second Year

By Christian Grullon
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This past men's basketball season was a much better season than last year, as the Colts Men's Basketball team was able to make a playoff appearance this year.

The roster was young, and the coach is young, as well, as he is now coming off his sophomore season coaching the Colts.

Last season, the team had a rough 7-21 season.

Poor play and key players leaving plagued them last year.

This season, the team had

11 players to start, but later had three freshmen players leave the team.

Dixon had to go through the rest of season with only eight players, but was able to lead the team to a road playoff appearance in just his second year of coaching.

Jaquan Robertson led the team all year in points per game.

Victor Spencer and Daryus Valencia both had 28 games played this season.

Jamarr Joseph was the second leading scorer on the team, behind Robertson's 21 points per

game.

Valencia led the team in free throw percentage, shooting 86 percent from the free throw line.

The Colts made significant progress this year, finishing the season with a 14-14 record with only 8 players and a playoff appearance under second year head coach Bilal Dixon.

Now, Dixon is looking at much bigger things for the team and a championship ring is one of them.

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Lloyd Middlebrooks (#11) drives to the rim for a contested layup.

Photo Courtesy of Christian Grullon

82nd Annual Garden State Cat Show and Exposition Comes to Edison

By Camarie Miller
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The 82nd Annual Garden State Cat Show and Exposition will be coming to Edison on July 21 and July 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

At the event, they will have two veterinarians there during the two days, and attendees will be able to ask questions about their cats.

Ongoing activities at the show will include the following: face painting for both children and adults, a caricaturist and a cat show filled with over 300 cats. There will also be an adoption area.

According to the Garden State Cat Expo website, the event will also be having a ton of activities going on, including a tricky tray and 50/50 chances to win prizes.

Cats must be up-to-date with their vaccines, not be declawed and be registered beforehand to be in the cat show.

The first 20 household pets to enter and present at their show will receive a goodie bag, and rosettes will be given for the first 10 cats.

This cat show will be sponsored by a variety of organizations, including Empire Cat Club, Cat Franciers' Association and the Red Bank

Veterinary Hospital.

Their vendors include: Kitty Kickerz, Cat Shack and Second Chance for Animals.

According to the Garden State Club website, their mission is to "raise money to promote feline research and support local rescue groups, you don't even have to own a cat. This is a club for anyone who appreciates these amazing creatures."

For more information based on the event, one should visit <https://www.gardenstatecatexpo.com>.

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MCC Hosts "Wine and Design"

By Claudia Ugbona
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Middlesex County College will be hosting a "Wine and Design" event in Cafeteria C in College Center to celebrate Women's History Month on March 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Student Life Coordinator, Mary Tutalo, said the event will be coordinated with Jennie O'Hara, who is an entrepreneur certified in personal training from MCC.

Tutalo said details on the event, such as costs are yet to be determined, but it will most likely be a free event opened to everyone at the college.

Tutalo said O'Hara's shop,

Wine & Design, is based in Rahway where she started her first startup business.

Tutalo said, "The instructor is fun and energetic, and she will tell students about her adventures setting up a store and becoming a business owner. She was a student here some time ago so I believe the students will be able to relate to her."

Tutalo said there will be no wine at the event, but there will be apple cider available in cups for the students to drink as they paint.

Students can sign up at the Student Activities Office in College Center or contact the office at 732-906-3435 for more information.

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March 7

-Allied Health Program Information
9:30-11am
Crabiel Hall, Room 126,
Edison Campus

March 8

-Transfer Information session
2 - 3pm
Edison Hall 100,
Edison Campus

March 9

- Last Day of "A Town Known as Auschwitz"
11am-4pm
Studio Theatre Gallery,
Edison Campus

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Student Life Hosts Black History Month Trivia



Photo Courtesy of Samantha Cheng

Student Life Hosts Black History Month Trivia Game with the help of Any Excuse For A Party, an event planner company, which provided it's own host and stage props for entertainment.

Lash Lab Hosts Haute Affair for Female Entrepreneurs

By Cierra Talavera
Staff Writer

The Lash Lab will be holding their Haute Affair: Shop and Sip Event at the Pure Event Center on Wednesday, May 9 from 7-10 p.m. in South Amboy.

According to a flyer on the Lash Lab's Facebook page, the main goal of this event is to bring together women from the tristate area who are creative entrepreneurs in the

fashion, beauty and lifestyle industry.

Tiana Rivera, the owner of Lash Lab, said, "Our goal with this event is to empower, inspire and support both minority and non-minority women in the area."

According to the flyer on their Facebook page, there will be many elements to explore at the event, including exclusive vendors in the tristate area, DJs to set the mood, networking with women who are

up-and-coming in the entrepreneur field, as well as having photo taken on the red carpet.

A general admission ticket allows you access to food samples, but for those who purchase a VIP ticket will get early bird entrance, a mini makeover, access to food samples, and a goody bag filled with fashion and beauty products.

"A portion of our ticket sales will be donated to Women

Rising Inc., which is a non-profit organization in Hudson County who are dedicated to helping women and their families in need of jobs, safety from domestic violence, freedom from substance abuse, and safe homes for children," said Rivera.

For more information, contact the Lash Lab at 732-588-5430 or through their Facebook page, "Lash Lab."

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Redhawk Native American Arts Council Celebrates Native American Festival

By Cierra Talavera
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The Redhawk Native American Arts Council will be holding their annual Raritan Native American Celebration and Pow Wow event at the Middlesex County Fairgrounds in East Brunswick on June 2 and June 3.

According to their online flyer, every year, the Redhawk Native American Arts Council holds a family-friendly festival with more than 500 Native American artists, performers and educators from across the United States.

They all demonstrate the traditional Native American song, dance, food, art and crafts.

Janene Yazzie, one of the keynote speakers on Native Americans rights, said, "The mission of the event is to educate the general public about Native American tradi-

tions and cultures, and to help break stereotypes about Native American culture and its people today."

According to the online flyer, one of the highlights of the celebration is the Native American dancers who showcase their different styles.

The dancers tell stories of past hunts and battles, as well as many other dances that showcase traditional Native American way of life.

"The Native American Council also encourages educators to rethink the current outdated curriculum and apply some of the first-hand knowledge shared by Native artists and educators," said Yazzie.

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Bollywood Night at Perle Club in New Brunswick

By Bridget Quimby
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Lime N' Lightz Production hosted a Bollywood Night with an afterdark neon glow theme at Perle Night Club & Lounge in New Brunswick on Saturday, March 3 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m.

DJ Harry played Bollywood favorites all night long to dance along to.

Guests could wear any formal clothing they liked but were urged to prepare themselves with white or neon clothes to glow through the night, according to the Event Brite website.

According to the Event Brite website, ticket prices for this event started at \$15.

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Edison Township Public Library Blood Drive

By Jasmine Montes
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The Edison Township Public Library held a Red Cross blood drive at the North Edison Branch Library on Tuesday, March 6 from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The donations took about an hour, so it was suggested to book your appointment in advance. If the donor was healthy and eligible, they could donate.

If the donor did not know if they were eligible, they could find out at the library.

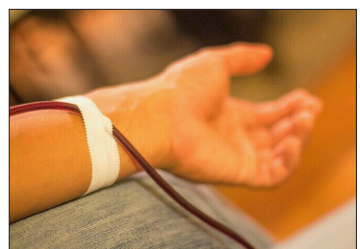


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Main Hall Is Having Repairs

By Jamal Kingston
Opinion Editor

Main Hall at the College, one of the busiest campus halls around, is going through repairs in the front. Those who know of Main Hall know that one of America's most famous and popular coffee chains, Starbucks, is located inside, which makes it a big attraction.

Main Hall has needed repairs for some time. I remember walking in the hall a few semesters ago; the front of it had some leaky ceilings and the hall looked outdated, like a 1970s or 1980s settings. Semesters later, it still looks so.

It is good that the hall is having repairs. There will be new offices and classrooms, it will make the hall more modern and efficient for the 21st century and is exactly what we need.

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Main Hall, one of the busiest areas on campus, is having repairs.

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We Need Some Happiness Now

By Jamal Kingston
Opinion Editor

February was a pretty bad month for America.

The Feb. 14 school shooting in Parkland, Florida, an affluent suburb of Fort Lauderdale and Miami, caused a majority of the sadness in America for the month of February. The raging debate over gun control and the potential abolishment of assault rifles have caused a rift in politics and society. It has also caused some people to be depressed over the state of America and the world. Mass shootings have been happening for a few years now, but it has grown worse over the years and it has caused pain for many families. Some of these stories are clearly depressing and it may dampen the nation's mood into a mood of sadness and anger.

America needs a bit of happiness right now. Social divisions may be at its worst since the 1960s. The national economy is well, but

some people feel left behind from the fruits of the economic prosperity the affluent are feeling. Seasonal weather has some people feeling toxic, withdrawn and lonely, especially in the Northeast--our neck of the woods. Winter has been warm so far; the only time that we in the Northeast had faced sub-zero temperatures was late December and early January. Remember those days? It was depressing, but that is what we must deal with, living in the Northeast.

Happiness comes in different ways, including hiking, shopping, relaxing, sleeping, eating and whatever makes you happy. We as Americans need a bit of joy, a bit of happiness in our lives. With the news and events that are happening today and the dispiriting mood of American culture, we can all have a bit of happiness right now.

It would be good for us.

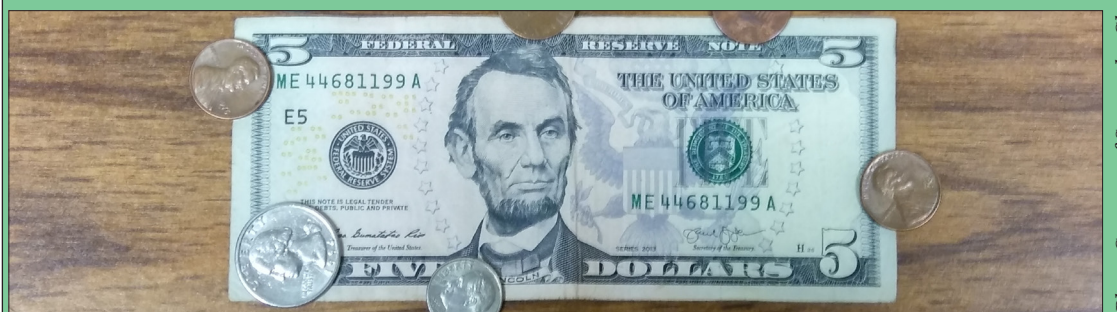
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Americans need a bit of happiness in their lives.

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Jersey GOP Could Face Revolt On Federal Taxes



If people feel that they are facing a higher tax burden, then New Jersey's GOP politicians could face electoral loss.

By Jamal Kingston
Opinion Editor

The New Jersey Republican Party, after already battling losing state legislative seats and the N.J. governorship last November, could face a voter revolt in November, especially for the New Jersey GOP congressmen who supported, and voted for, the recent federal tax bill that was signed by President Donald Trump before Christmas.

U.S. Rep. Tom MacArthur (R-Ocean), voted for the Trump tax cut legislation, the only congress member from New Jersey to vote for the bill that many fear may raise federal taxes on low-income and middle-class New Jersey citizens. Even wealthy New Jersey citizens could be affected, which could prompt them to move to tax-friendly states. The other New Jersey GOP representatives, Leonard Lance (R-Hunterdon), Rodney Frelinghuysen (R-Morris), Frank LoBiondo (R-Atlantic) and Christopher Smith (R-Mercer) voted no on the tax cut bill.

Two Republicans are retiring in 2018 and will not run for reelection, potentially due to the

fear of losing in November to a Democratic challenger, LoBiondo and Frelinghuysen. Lance and Smith could potentially retire as well, but it is unlikely. Trump is unpopular in New Jersey, despite the fact that he has a golf course and residence in Somerset County (Bedminster). The N.J. GOP's affiliation to Trump could grow worse with the new entry of former pharmaceutical executive Robert Hugin into the U.S. Senate race against Democratic incumbent Bob Menendez. Hugin is tied not only to Trump, he donated money to Trump's campaign, but he is also tied to former Gov. Chris Christie, who is one of the most unpopular politicians in Jersey history.

If by November, people feel that they are facing a higher tax burden and they have less money and savings in their pocketbooks, regardless of age, income and race, they may go to the polls and the N.J. GOP politicians like Hugin, Lance, Smith, MacArthur and Frelinghuysen and LoBiondo's replacement could face an electoral loss at the polls. Why? Voters associate candidates with their political party and leader.

In 2006, voters saw Republican candidates as associated with then-unpopular President George W. Bush. Democrats won control of the Senate and House over the unpopular Iraq war, high gas prices and a slumping economy. In 2010 and 2014, voters saw Democratic candidates as associated with then-unpopular President Barack Obama. Republicans won control of the House in 2010 and the Senate in 2014 over the slumping economic recovery, and a lackluster social mood in America.

Taxes are a big issue with voters and if they feel in New Jersey, where taxes are already the highest in the nation (due to both political parties, Republican and Democrat), they could decide to throw out the politicians who supported and abetted Trump's tax bill.

The N.J. GOP better hope that New Jersey citizens feel economic relief with their federal taxes, or else they may have to take the blame come Election Day on Nov. 6 in the Senate and House races.

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Cryptogram

Hint: A cryptogram is a type of puzzle that consists of a short piece of encrypted text. The cipher used to encrypt each letter is replaced by a different letter or number. For example, THE SMART CAT might become 823 69148 518 if 8 is substituted for T, 2 for H, 3 for E, and so on.

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10 8 3 3
12 13 14 4 12 26 4 6

The Riddles of Bilbo and Gollum

What Am I?

Voiceless it cries
Wingless flutters
toothless bites
mouthless mutters

What Am I?

Thirty white horses on a red hill,
First they champ,
Then they stamp,
Then they stand still.

Sudoku

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Word Search

College Buildings

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things fall apart so that
other things can fall together

Cryptogram

2. Teeth

1. Wind

Riddles

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Word Search

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Sudoku

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