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Purchase Order

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NO. 20-00350

ORDER DATE: 01/10/20

DELIVERY DATE:

REQUISITION #: R0-00309

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 4233 KENNEDY BLVD.
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Vendor #: NEWSP020

NEWSPAPER MEDIA GROUP LLC

TWO EXECUTIVE CAMPUS, STE 400
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PAYMENT RECORD

CHECK NO. 60529

DATE PAID 6.24.2020

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I do solemnly declare and certify under penalties of the law that the within bill is correct in all its particulars; that the articles have been furnished or services rendered as stated therein; that no bonus has been given or received by any person or persons within the knowledge of this claimant in connection with the above claim; that the amount therein stated is justly due and owing; and that the amount charged is a reasonable one.

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Suzanne Taylor 5/28/20
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I do hereby certify that there are sufficient funds available in the accounts of the Township to enable the commissioners to authorize the entering into this contract between the Township of North Bergen and the above vendor. By this certification, I have encumbered the above named accounts for the amount of the contract pending action by the Board of Commissioners.

[Signature] 6/1/20
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FROM: Art Schwartz

PURCHASE ORDER NO. 20-00350

DEPT/DIV: Public Affairs / Public Information

REQUISITION NO. R0-00309

DATE: March 9, 2020

ORIGINAL AMOUNT \$1.00

VENDOR NAME: Newspaper Media Group LLC

ACCOUNT NO. 8-01-122-000-1080

VENDOR NO: NEWSP020

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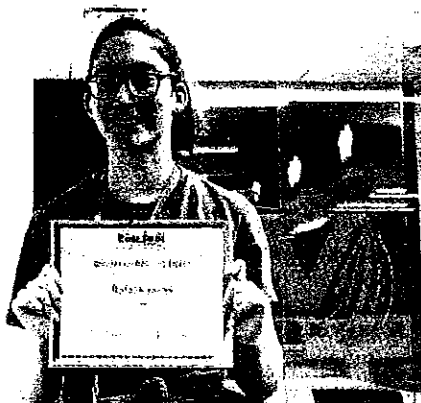
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Due Date: 03/10/2020

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Natalie Jonas, a junior at Weehawken High School, displays the certificate she won from Bow Seat, a nonprofit ocean-awareness group.

thoughtful essay shows that we all have a part to play by taking the steps to deeply understand the issues and move beyond analysis to an actual call for action."

A few days after Jonas received that honor, she won an award for another essay she'd written.

Jonas was awarded a Global Navigator Scholarship by the Council on International Educational Exchange, allowing her to study aquatic ecosystems and sustainability in Lisbon over the summer. An essay she wrote on her experience on the Weehawken Girls Swimming Team helped her stand out among more than 3,500

student applicants.

Ariel Babcock is Weehawken High School's AP and Honors liaison. Babcock said she looks forward to what Jonas will bring to the world in the future.

"Natalie has grown to be a stellar scholar and uses her academic abilities to better our planet," Babcock said. "Her passion for climate activism is clear and is the focus of her Advanced Placement research paper. I look forward to seeing how she uses her voice to speak for the voiceless."

Jonas's environmental activism shines through in every facet of her life.

She is active in the school's Climate Club and attended the climate strike in New York City in fall of last year, according to the press release.

Jonas has aspirations to study oceans or linguistics. She is currently taking Advanced Placement Environmental Science and three other Advanced Placement classes. According to the press release, she's also clocked more than 730 hours volunteering, including travelling to a local beach to clear the shore of debris.

"Natalie is an amazing young lady, who is always thinking of the needs of others, and how she can help," Weehawken High School Principal Robert Ferullo said. "She is truly selfless, and a credit to her parents."

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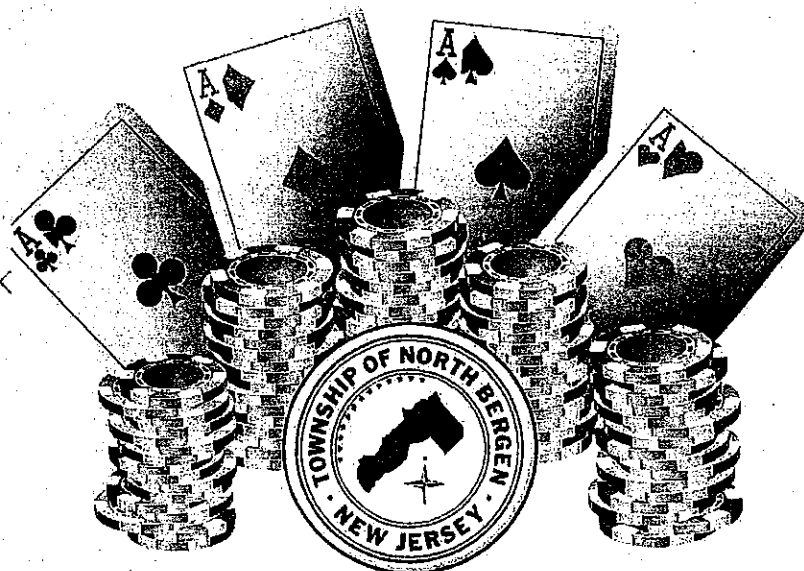
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all subjects of interest to our readers. To submit a letter, click on Submit a Letter. Once you've filled us, and we'll call you for verification before it's posted online. Your letter to 500 words or less. We reserve the right to edit inappropriate.

fear campaign around the issue of short-term rentals. Short-term rentals were responsible for the high crime statistics, the high rental prices, the uncollected garbage, and every other ill and quality-of-life concern then facing the city, they said.

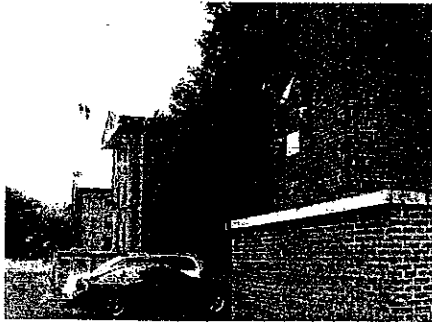
But that was last year and it's now a new year, so it probably shouldn't come as much a surprise that Downtown Councilman James Solomon, who for more than half his term in office has publicly railed against the proliferation of short-term rentals or AirBnBs in our communities, has seemingly reversed course. They were a special interest, he said. (They are.) Their presence raises the cost of standard apartment rentals in Jersey City, he said. (Actually, the effect is minimal.) But that was 2019.

Now, in 2020, at the latest regular meeting of the city's governing body on January 23rd, Councilman Solomon shepherded Ordinance 20-005 which waives the fees for fire and zoning inspections for the hosts of short-term rentals.

gang members arrested in Jersey City

Charged in the 2018 retaliatory shooting of five people

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The alleged gang members operated in and around the Marion Gardens housing Complex, according to the FBI.

According to news reports after the murder, the man known as Meech, was 28-year-old Irvington resident Jamiel Robinson.

Since 2013, members of the Marion Gardens street gang gather at the complex on June 30 to celebrate "Meech Day" to pay homage to "Meech" and remember other murdered members of the gang, according to the complaint.

The day is promoted on social media with collages of photographs.

One alleged member of the gang posted a collage on Oct. 31, 2019, with the banner "Hood Legends" and "Marion G57." The 57 is a reference to building 57 where they allegedly congregate, according to the complaint.

The post includes a photo of "Meech" and an unnamed individual known as "Draco," who was killed on or about Dec. 26, 2018, on Martin Luther King Drive.

According to a separate complaint filed in May of last year, "Draco" was an alleged member of the gang. His real name was Judane Holmes.

Five people shot

According to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, it was while paying homage to Meech on June 30, 2018, that Jalil Holmes, Jidon Rogers, and two other alleged gang members traveled from the Marion Gardens Housing Complex to the area where Meech had been murdered five years prior, with the intention of allegedly shooting rival gang members.

According to the release, upon arriving in that area, Holmes and the two other alleged gang members exited the black Chevy Malibu that Rogers allegedly drove, allegedly brandished handguns, and allegedly fired multiple shots into a crowd of people.

Five people were struck.

"Victim One" sustained one gunshot wound to his left thigh; "Victim Two" sustained one gunshot wound to his right calf; "Victim Three" sustained one gunshot wound to his right leg; "Victim Four" sustained two gunshot wounds to her upper right shoulder; and "Victim Five" sustained a gunshot wound to his left wrist.

After shooting into the crowd, the three men got back into the car and allegedly drove away, according to the complaint.

Facing 20 years

According to the U.S. Attorney's Office, each count of assault with a dangerous weapon in aid of racketeering activity is punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

Each count of discharging a firearm during a crime of violence carries a mandatory minimum term of 10 years in prison and a maximum sentence of life in prison, which must run consecutively to any terms imposed on the other counts.

Holmes also has separate pending charges for a Jan. 9, 2019 alleged shooting of rival gang members which left two people wounded, according to news reports.

U.S. Attorney Carpenito credited special agents with the FBI, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Gregory W. Ehrie in Newark; the Hudson County Prosecutor's Of-

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fice, under the direction of Prosecutor Esther Suarez; and the Jersey City Police Department, under the direction of Public Safety Director James Shea, with the investigation leading to the charges.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Desiree Grace Latzer of the Organized Crime and Gangs Unit in Newark represents the government.

The charges and allegations in the complaint are merely accusations, and the men are presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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Treating victims of violence holistically

Jersey City Medical Center gets state funding for hospital-based violence intervention program

By Marilyn Baer
Staff Writer

Jersey City Medical Center (JCMC) is one of nine hospitals that will receive grant funding for a hospital-based violence intervention program, which aims to help victims of violence by providing services at the time of medical treatment.

Gov. Phil Murphy, Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, and former Arizona Rep. Gabby Giffords made the announcement at the Mary Bethune Center in Jersey City just a four-minute walk from the JC Kosher Supermarket where two shooters killed four people last December.

"The resilience of Jersey City in the wake of the recent attack embodies the strength of New Jersey," said Giffords. "The state has always met tragedy with action, and never stopped pushing forward in addressing the gun violence crisis.... Providing communities the resource to fight this epidemic is a necessary leap in the right direction."

In 2011, Giffords was shot in the head outside a Safeway in Casas Adobe, Ariz. She survived the attack and became an advocate for gun control.

Stopping the cycle

Hospital-based violence intervention programs (HVIPs) reach victims of gun violence and others touched by violence at the time of crisis and are proven to reduce repeat injury.

They combine medical treatment and recovery services education, counseling, social services, and case management to prevent future involvement in violence.

A primary goal of the New Jersey Hospital-Based Violence Intervention Program (NJHVIP) is to link hospitals and other medical facilities with community-based organizations that are already working to assist victims and reduce violence.

The programs are being launched with \$20 million in federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) funding, the largest VOCA award ever in the nation for hospital-based violence intervention programs.

Of that \$20 million, which will fund the nine programs for 21 months, JCMC will receive roughly \$2 million.

New Jersey is one of the first states to use VOCA funds to implement the programs, which are designed to enhance services to victims and break cycles of violence in hard-hit communities.

"The funding awarded today further reinforces our Administration's commitment to reducing gun violence in New Jersey by enhancing the tools at the disposal of public health facilities and victim service providers," Murphy said. "With the implementation of hospital-based violence intervention programs, our state is better equipped to support victims and offer best practices to the community organizations working to prevent additional violence from occurring."

The awarding of VOCA funds by the AG's office represents the first time that New Jersey funded HVIPs.

"This is an exciting day for New Jersey and a big victory for all the organizations and individuals who work tirelessly each day to serve victims and prevent violence," said Attorney General Grewal. "The violence intervention programs receiving millions of dollars up

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and RWJBarnabas had reached an "impasse."

Legislators called for the appointment of receivers for Christ Hospital and BMC, who would act as operators for the hospitals and end CarePoint's search for operators.

The legislators asked Murphy to order the DOH to prohibit any hospital from closing without a certificate of need, a document that establishes the need for a new hospital in an area.

The legislators called for an investigation into the operations of Alaris Health and Clover Health, a Medicare Advantage insurer owned by Vivek Garipalli.

The letter states that Alaris is owned by the same owners of CarePoint. This adds another layer of confusion to the ongoing litigation between CarePoint and Alaris, prompted by CarePoint's efforts to liquidate its hospital assets.

The owners of CarePoint are Garipalli, James Lawler, and Jeffrey Mandler.

The legislators point to the NJ State Commission on Investigations (NJSCI) report that initially uncovered an alleged embezzlement scheme involving CarePoint's owners as part of their reason for an investigation.

"In March of 2019, the letter references the NJ State Commission on Investigations report that at least \$158 million was siphoned from the CarePoint owners into shell companies operated by those very same owners," the letter stated.

The report was based on an extensive audit of the books, records, financial disclosures, and tax returns of the CarePoint owners. While it condemned their actions, it did not recommend a criminal investigation. The legislators now believe an investigation is needed.

"Considering these and other allegations about irregularities that have since surfaced, we request that the Department of Health, Department of Banking and Insurance, and Attorney General investigate the operations of Clover Health and Alaris Health, both of which companies are owned and operated by CarePoint owners, to determine if similar actions that threaten to compromise patient care or are otherwise violative of regulations are underway," the legislators wrote to Gov. Murphy.

The letter states that "the near bankruptcy of the CarePoint hospitals is directly related to the decision by CarePoint's owners to withdraw unreasonably large sums from their operations for personal profit at the detriment to services and the health care available to Hudson County residents."

Eisenreich cited in letter

The legislators also called out Eisenreich, owner of Alaris, for his alleged "questionable practices."

The legislators stated that Eisenreich allegedly knowingly and willingly acquiesced to the questionable practices involving the management companies.

The letter petitioned the DOH to nullify the sales of all the real estate involved in the transaction regarding CarePoint hospitals. This includes striking from the public record any official document that memorializes the transfer of real estate ownership or the transfer of shares in any entity owning the real estate.

This means that the November 2019 purchase of the BMC real estate and HUMC real estate

by Eisenreich would be voided.

Last, the letter called for Murphy to support proposed legislation that would clarify eminent domain powers in scenarios similar to the current hospital crisis.

"Support our proposed legislation to clarify the eminent domain powers of public entities concerning real properties that contain acute care hospitals when such hospitals are at imminent risk of closure or have filed for relief un-

der federal bankruptcy laws and streamline the condemnation process," the letter reads. "Only swift, decisive leadership can avert placing hundreds of thousands of our constituents and the public health in a state of unacceptable risk."

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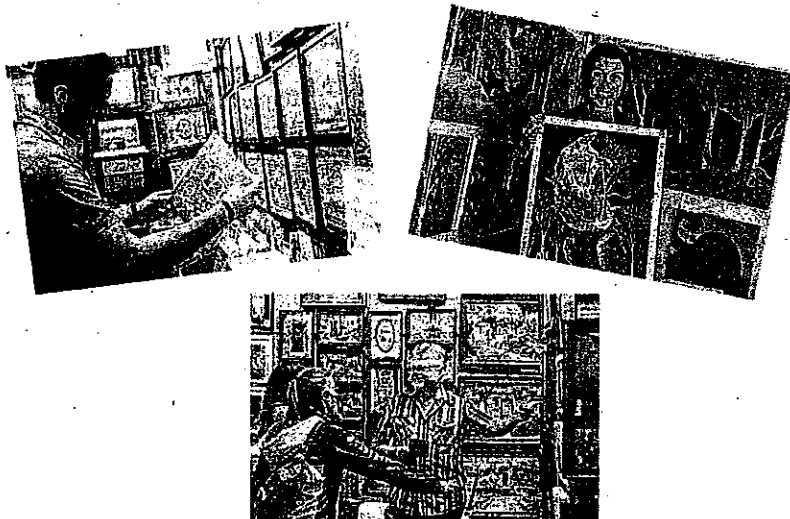


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'Absorbed' opens at Guttenberg Arts Gallery

in residency Justin Sanz's new exhibit challenges the structure of society

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"We neglect acknowledgment of the traces of us in everything and traces of everything in us," Sanz said. "I believe in an idea that infinity exists not in linear time but rather in macro to micro scale, with every molecule holding a universe and a universe being within every molecule."

Origins and influences



BY JUSTIN SANZ
Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise, and the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

Justin Sanz opens at the Guttenberg Arts Gallery Feb. 29.

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Sanz said that his art style exists somewhere between skate, punk, and metal culture and fine art. During his formative years, he was influenced by a wide range of mediums, from graphic cartoons to punk music.

"Growing up in eighties and nineties America, my first artistic influences were grotesque closeups of Ren and Stimpy, The Simpsons, skateboard graphics, Salvador Dali, metal and punk albums, and comic books," Sanz said.

Later in life, Sanz found inspiration in artists who shed a light on the dark side of humankind.

"I later became influenced by artists like James Ensor, Otto Dix, Kathe Kollwitz, Antonio Frasconi, Francisco Goya, William Kentridge, and Sue Coe for their graphic depictions of the dismal side of humanity and the ills of society," he said.

Sanz currently works as an educator, Master Printer, and Workshop Manager at the EFA Robert Blackburn Printmaking Workshop in New York City.

As a Master Printer, he has collaborated on prints with a number of artists, including Chakaia Booker, Malcolm Morley, Martin Puryear, Xenobia Bailey, Amina Robinson, Otto Neals, and Frances Jetter.

Sanz also helps others perfect their printing skills in a few high-profile locations.

He's organized and conducted printmaking workshops in The Museum of Modern Art, The Studio Museum in Harlem, Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, as well as various universities, including Colorado College, Hope College, and University of Tennessee Knoxville.

The Guttenberg Arts programming is funded by a grant from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts and administered by the Hudson County Office of Cultural & Heritage Affairs,

the Hudson County Executive Thomas DeGise, and the Hudson County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

"Absorbed" will be on view from Feb. 29 through Mar. 29 at Guttenberg Arts Gallery, 6903 Jackson St.

The gallery is free and open to the public, but by appointment only, between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday.

For more information, those interested can visit www.guttenbergarts.org/exhibitions or contact matt@guttenbergarts.org.

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Mayor Nicholas J. Sacco

invites North Bergen Seniors to enjoy a day at

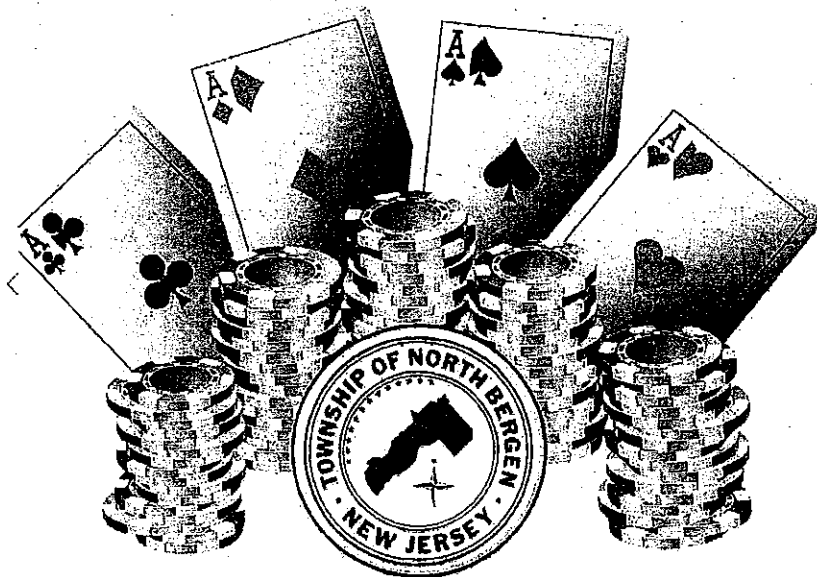
EMPIRE CITY CASINO

& Yonkers Race Track

Saturday, March 14

10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (pick-ups start 8:30 a.m.)

Receive \$10 coin voucher and \$10 food voucher.



North Bergen seniors only. Proof of residence is required.
Seating is limited. Reservations are a must.

For reservations or more information please call
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