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The Association of New Jersey Recyclers presented its REX award, in recognition of outstanding contributions to recycling in NJ, to Board member Wayne DeFeo, center, at the organization's Annual Symposium held yesterday in Eatontown, NJ. Pictured with the award winner are, from left, ANJR Executive Director Marie Kruzan, NJDEP Recycling Director Guy Watson, DeFeo, ANJR President Dominick D'Atilio and ANJR Director Ann Moore.

#### **PA Environment**

Maglev environmental impact study displayed Residents find they might lose their house to a proposed \$4.6B project that would link Pittsburgh International Airport to Greensburg via a high-speed magnetic levitation train <u>Tribune Review</u>

Workers want incentives for Ludlum The U.S. Steelworkers of America want PA to offer an incentive package that will inspire Allegheny Ludlum to invest \$300M in its Valley facilities rather than build a new plant out of state Leader Times

**Region may help fund ClearWater park** Centre Region officials agree to consider a taxpayer contribution of up to \$300,000 toward a conservation group's planned \$2.2M purchase of 423 acres between state Route 45 and the top of Tussey Mountain in Ferguson Township <u>Centre Daily Times</u>

**State seeks \$23M to repair canal** FEMA expected to pay 75 percent of the cost with the state taking up the rest <u>Courier Times</u>

Falls supervisors rezone site for landfill Despite criticism from several residents, the supervisors adopt an ordinance to rezone the 252-acre USS Coke Works site from material processing manufacturing to make way for a proposed Waste Management landfill <u>Courier Times</u>

Windmills raise concern in Bear Creek Residents worry about roads during construction, possible danger of flying ice <u>Times Leader</u>

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## NJ Politics

- Assemblyman Donald Tucker dead at 67 The Democrat who represented Newark and other Essex County municipalities was in his fourth term; also on Newark City Council <u>Trenton Times</u>
   The complete Donald Tucker Champion of poor was also a fan of flowers, music, flea markets <u>Star-Ledger</u>
   His widow considers stepping in She focuses on 'legacy' in city council, Assembly <u>Star-Leger</u>
- A gentler, shared debate for four Corzine and Forrester withhold barbs next to two others running for governor <u>Star-Ledger</u> <u>Gannett</u> <u>NY Times</u> <u>Inquirer</u> <u>Trenton Times</u> <u>Trentonian</u>
  - > BeneCard business is down, tax forms reveal <u>Star-Ledger</u>
    > Poll shows Hudson's still Corzine country <u>Jersey Journal</u>
- Candidates offer a split verdict on top court Corzine likes the Abbott rulings that require the state to spend huge sums of money to improve urban school districts. And he likes the Mount Laurel rulings that require all towns and cities to make room for affordable housing. Forrester thinks the court went too far in both cases. Crafting policy, he argues, is the job of the governor and legislators -- the folks who actually won elections <u>Star-Ledger</u>
- Militello challenging Doria in Bayonne <u>Jersey Journal</u>
- **Trustees terminate bonuses at UMDNJ** Codey had branded the executive perks improper; board will vote next year on possible reinstatement of program <u>Star-Ledger Bergen Record</u>

#### NJ Environment

- Governor adds carbon dioxide to pollutant list Acting Gov. Richard J. Codey officially classifies carbon dioxide as a pollutant, enabling the state to impose caps on the globalwarming gas; enviros cheer, business group boos <u>Star-Ledger</u> <u>Trenton Times</u> <u>Governor's Office</u> <u>Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative</u>
- NJ Future issues 4-point plan for NJ prosperity The nonpartisan policy analysis group offers next governor a plan to manage state's future growth <u>Gannett Trenton Times</u> <u>Star-Ledger</u>
- Codey asks Bush for flood aid <u>Star-Ledger Bergen Record</u>
   Sump pumps in demand after rains <u>AP Press</u>
- State, not Ford, will rid homes of sludge The state will take over removal of Ford's leftover paint sludge from residential properties in Upper Ringwood. The decision ends a stalemate between federal officials and people living among toxic waste dumps who don't trust Ford or the EPA <u>Bergen Record</u>
- Accept ruling, borough urged A leader of Save Our Homes, the group of 150 trailer park residents who won a court fight that bars Lodi from seizing their homes, asks the borough to accept the ruling and drop redevelopment plans <u>Herald News</u>
- **Trash pit is turned into 18 'challenging' holes** What used to be a kind of no man's land where trucks once dumped trash is being transformed into an 18-hole golf course with \$100,000 memberships on the waterfront in Bayonne <u>Jersey Journal</u>

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#### ON THIS DAY: In 1781, English surrender at Yorktown, ending American Revolutionary War Birthday: John Lithgow (1945)

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#### PA Environment (continued)

State: Newport code official illegally issued permits Some building permits issued in the township this year may be illegal, according to the state Department of Labor and Industry <u>Citizens Voice</u>

Group appealing dredge permit A citizen's group will file an appeal to the approval granted for the use of river dredge in an abandoned Hazleton mine pit <u>Standard Speaker</u>

Palmer residents complain about stormwater flooding People from several neighborhoods demand action from supervisors <u>Express Times</u>

Sewer Plant: Supervisor claims: 'hands are tied' Washington Twp meeting focuses on the situation at the Washington Park sewer plant <u>New Age Examiner</u>

Sandvik, DEP agree on plan to start water, soil sampling Agreement will allow scientists to take samples at the steel pipe manufacturing facility <u>Scranton Times</u>

**Milford authority looks for new well** Township gives OK for water group to drill on municipal land <u>Morning Call</u>

Editorial: Choice fizzles / Utility competition is not exactly electric Six years ago, Pennsylvania embarked on an exciting and confusing journey into the world of electricity deregulation. There would be energy choice ... comparison shopping ... competition <u>Post-Gazette</u>

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**Bill Scranton makes it official: He's running for governor** Polls show him and former Pittsburgh Steeler Lynn Swann as front runners in GOP race, but both trail Democratic Governor Ed Rendell <u>Inquirer</u>

**Perzel in a hornet's nest** All he wanted to do was donate books to an elementary school and perhaps pick p some good press in return <u>Inquirer</u>

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- Man who cited foundry assisted cleanup firm An NJ-DEP inspector who cited Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe Co. for a pollution violation also works for the company the foundry hired to clean up the mess <u>Express-Times</u>
- School builders sued over Trenton toxins Trenton school officials filed a lawsuit demanding that the Schools Construction Corp. tear down a partially built school that already has cost the state about \$10M, charging it was erected on site contaminated with carcinogenic pollutants <u>Star-Ledger</u>
  - > Tainted soil riles residents Trenton Times
- Keyport redevelopment plan OK'd despite objections Council adopts plan for the 62-acre Aeromarine property, an industrial site and former landfill that sits on Raritan Bay <u>AP Press</u>
- Middletown OKs \$2.4M open-space land buy <u>AP Press</u>
- **Dover to DEP: Modify water hookup ban** Township wants those who have permits to get their connections <u>AP Press</u>
- AC mayoral hopeful yanks signs from wetlands <u>AC Press</u>
- **DEP pumps money into water-reuse study** The study will determine whether 500,000 gallons of wastewater in Lower Twp. can be treated daily and pumped back into the ground <u>AC Press</u>
- Middle Twp. OKs \$6.5M land sale The auction, which had expected to bring about \$3M, turns into a bidding war for the Burleigh property between two developers <u>AC Press</u>
- Arguments start today on Pinelands disposal site Arguments in the battle between The Southern Railroad Company of NJ and the state Pinelands Commission over the railroad's plans to build a trash transfer facility in Mullica Twp. scheduled for hearing today in federal court in Camden <u>AC Press</u>
- Zoning debate draws a crowd in Mt. Laurel Council considers ordinance that would limit the size of commercial buildings and impose other restrictions <u>Burlco Times</u>
- Land board rejects Ikea's tower proposal After months of contentious debates and postponed votes, the Westampton planners reject proposed warehouse with 92-ft. tower <u>Burlco Times</u>
- Judge: No damages in Pennsauken development suit A NJ Superior Court judge rules that the Vineland Construction Co. cannot be awarded damages in its lawsuit against Pennsauken over waterfront development <u>Inquirer</u>
- **County landfill project delay could cost millions** Cumberland County freeholders' decision to delay a vote on a proposed \$25M landfill expansion will likely cost the county millions, according to a financial adviser <u>AC Press</u>

#### New York/Nation/World

- Public voice pushed on brownfield rules Press & Sun Bulletin
- Monroe to create new wetlands <u>Democrat & Chronicle</u>

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**New NJ law seen as brownfields cleanup helping hand** Evidence of NJ's manufacturing past still stretches across the state in the form of some 15,000 polluted properties, known as brownfields. With the help of legislation signed into law last month, state officials hope to expedite the cleanup and reuse of the sites. By opening the door to a new group of applicants, expanding uses of grant funding and giving counties, municipalities and redevelopment agencies additional tools to access funding, the new law will spur the cleanup and reuse of former industrial sites, says Assemblyman Louis Manzo, D-Hudson, one of the law's primary sponsors. <u>Philadelphia Business Journal</u>

**Builder selected for Philadelphia condo and retail project** The city's Redevelopment Authority has selected <u>Global City Development</u> to build an \$85.8M condo and retail complex on a property referred to as the Rivage site in the East Falls section of Philadelphia. The RDA's board authorized a resolution Oct. 11 to preliminarily select Global City. The project, called the Terrace At Falls Bridge, fronts the Schuylkill River along Kelly Drive and includes 172 condos and 17,000 square feet of retail space. Global City is affiliated with <u>Robertson Douglas Group</u>, a Red Bank, N.J., homebuilder that established a new urban development division called Global City Development to do residential projects in cities. The Rivage project will be its first in Philadelphia. <u>Philadelphia Business Journal</u>

A pain in the assessments Philadelphia industrial owners see red as property values, taxes shoot up. Values for industrial properties are on the rise because of the demand and sale of them as condominium conversions. A janitorial service company owner, who relocated to Philadelphia from Camden in 1996, learns his valuation is up 429 percent Philadelphia Business Journal

Flaster/Greenberg shareholder makes national registry Flaster/Greenberg shareholder Michael S. Simon was recently selected to appear in The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers. Drawn as an extract of the International Who's Who of Business Lawyers, The International Who's Who of Construction Lawyers is a select 369 lawyers across 31 jurisdictions that have been selected due to their knowledge and leadership in the field of construction law. A fellow in both the American College of Construction Lawyers and in the American Institute of Constructors, Simon is nationally, and now internationally recognized for his skill in the area of construction law, and alternative dispute resolutions (ADRs.) He represents a broad client base encompassing both individuals and businesses involved in the construction industry, including specialty manufacturers, subcontractors, design professionals, and private and public owners. In addition, he serves on the select construction complex case panel for the American Arbitration Association. A frequent lecturer at national conferences, he is also the author of four construction law books. He has been an adjunct professor, visiting faculty member and guest lecturer at more than a dozen universities including Rutgers, Rowan, Villanova, and the University of Maryland. Simon is a graduate of the University of Maryland Law School, J.D., 1965, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's School of Architecture, B.S., 1963. He is admitted to practice in New Jersey and New York. Flaster/Greenberg P.C. is a multidisciplinary business law firm of over 55 attorneys practicing in 21 areas of law. The firm has office locations in Egg Harbor, Morristown, Trenton and Vineland, New Jersey; and Philadelphia, PA.

**Pennoni** Associates of Philadelphia announces that *Angelo Fatiga* of Woolwich, NJ has been promoted to senior engineer.

**Maser Consulting** in Red Bank, NJ reports that *Robert Chankalian* of Brick has joined the firm as senior project manager; *Eric Wilde* of Raritan Borough joined the firm as an assistant surveying department manager in the Hackettstown office; *Patrick Cibellis Jr.* of Denville joined the firm as a surveying department manager in the Hackettstown office; and *James Rich* of Westville joined the firm as a surveying department manager in the Logan Township office.

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