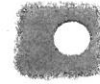


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TODAY'S WEATHER



Mostly sunny  
High: 75  
Low: 56

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**ASSAILING NEW ARIZONA LAW**  
Mexican President Felipe Calderon (above), meeting with President Barack Obama, criticized the immigration rules as "discriminatory."  
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Voters aren't rewarding bipartisanship on Capitol Hill.  
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**PROBE ONGOING IN PATIENT'S DEATH**  
Nearly three weeks after Darnell Myres sought treatment at Community Medical Center, there are few concrete details.  
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**ON THE ENDANGERED LIST**  
Hinchliffe Stadium in Paterson, one of the last surviving Negro League ballparks, is listed as one of America's Most Endangered Historic Places.  
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**'NO GLOW IN THE SKY'**  
Dialight Corp., a Wall-based lighting company, is the largest manufacturer of LED traffic signals.  
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# GUILTY

**ON BOTH COUNTS**

Convicted of trying to obstruct commerce by extortion; and bribery, or agreeing to accept payments.

**AUGUST SENTENCING**

Ex-assemblyman faces up to 30 years and \$500G in fines; one of his attorneys says he may get 4 years.



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Then-Assemblyman Daniel Van Pelt of Ocean Township (Waretown) announces his resignation after federal charges were filed against him in the FBI's corruption sting in 2009. In court Wednesday, he appeared calm before the guilty verdict, saying "I know what I did. I know the truth."

## 'No matter what you call it, a bribe is a bribe,' says U.S. Attorney Paul Fishman

By ERIK LARSEN  
STAFF WRITER

TRENTON — A once rising star in the Ocean County Republican Organization, Daniel M. Van Pelt will be sentenced Aug. 24 after he was convicted Wednesday of accepting a \$10,000 bribe from an undercover FBI informant posing as a corrupt developer.

Van Pelt, 45, a former state assemblyman and former Ocean Township (Waretown) committeeman, was found guilty by a federal district court jury of both counts of the indictment against him: attempt to obstruct commerce by extor-



## Seniors get break on cost of meds

Gov finds \$55M for program

By BILL BOWMAN  
STAFF WRITER

Gov. Chris Christie Wednesday backed down from a budget proposal that would have forced thousands of the state's elderly and disabled residents to pay more for their medications.

The governor announced that he had found the \$55.5 million needed to fully fund the state's Pharmaceutical Assistance to the Aged and Disabled program.

Christie's proposed fiscal year 2011 budget had required an estimated 164,000 senior citizens and disabled people who subscribe to the program to pay a \$310 annual deductible and \$15 for every name-brand drug they purchased. Currently, those enrolled in the PAAD and Senior Gold programs pay no deductible and a \$7 copay for name-brand drugs.

The proposed changes were rescinded as a result of "revised estimates" for certain things such as generic drug use and drug manufacturers' rebate payments, Christie spokesman Kevin Roberts said.

"Thanks to increased use of generics, greater manufacturer rebates and discounts and expanded eligibility for Medicare Part D subsidies, we are now able to restore funding for next year's budget that maintains zero deductibles and low copayments for PAAD and Senior Gold, without requiring additional cuts to programs and services," Christie said in the prepared release.

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## Ocean ranks 5th-deadliest for senior deductions