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Southern boys volleyball team tops St. Peter's Prep to win overall NJSIAA title.

GOING OUT ON TOP

Ocean senior Mike Lampa defeats Shore's Michael Lippens to win NJSIAA tennis title.

SENIORS' SHINING MOMENT

Robby Andrews, Jill Smith both capture titles at the NJSIAA Meet of Champions.

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OBITUARY

David Carradine, 'Kung Fu' actor, dies at 72. PAGE A21

MOUNTING EVIDENCE

Some 40,000 phone calls intercepted by investigators during their racketeering probe of lawyer Paul Bergrin. PAGE A18

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80,506
EMPLOYEES

An updated list of state employees is now available at www.DataUniverse.com. The interactive page allows you to search by name, job title or anyone making more than \$100,000 a year. Look under "What's New" for the link.



WEATHER

Heavy rain
High: 59; Low: 55

Obama: U.S., Islam not exclusive

By JENNIFER LOVEN
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO — Invoking the Quran and his rarely used middle name, Barack Hussein Obama declared Thursday that America has a common cause with Islam and never will be at war with the faith — an overture intently watched by the Muslim world and welcomed in unlikely quarters. An Iranian cleric called the president's speech "an initial step for removing misconceptions."

Obama spoke at a seat of

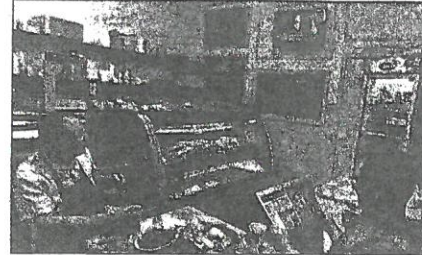
Islamic learning, his 55-minute address suffused with respect for touchstones of the religion. He said the time had come to "speak the truth" and "seek a new beginning."

"America and Islam are not exclusive," he said, "and need not be in competition. Instead, they overlap, and share common principles of justice and progress, tolerance and the dignity of all human beings."

Dr. Saliba Sarsar, political science professor at Monmouth University,

called Obama's comments refreshing, "masterful, with a new tone and a new beginning" to the dialogue on Middle Eastern relations.

Sarsar said he was especially encouraged to hear Obama call for a new dialogue with the goal of establishing both Jewish and Palestinian states. "He (President Obama) reaffirmed a two-state solution," said Sarsar, a Jerusalem native who is Christian. "This is the way to go in our imperfect world."

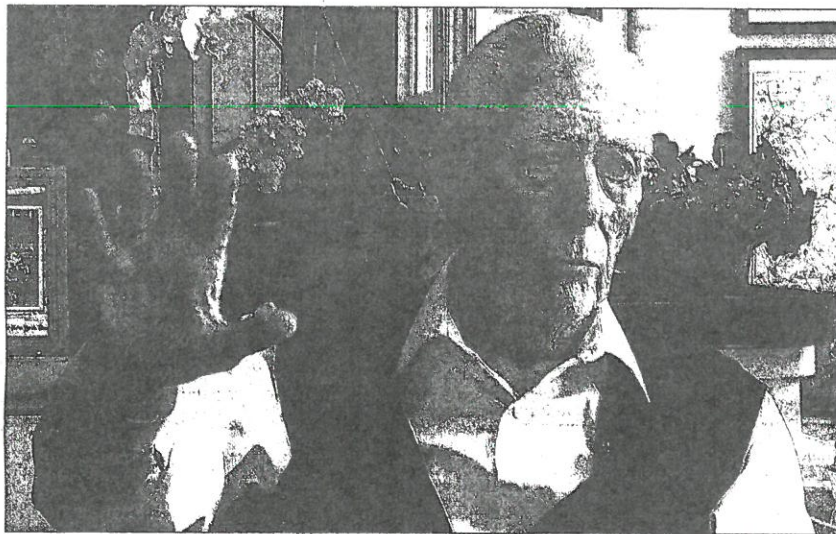


Muslim Americans Osman Bereal (right) and Ibrahim Bayram enjoy a breakfast break at Turkish bakery Yayla in Paterson on Thursday, as they watch President Obama's speech to Muslims, telecast from Cairo.

HAMAS NOTES A 'CHANGE IN THE LANGUAGE' COMING FROM THE U.S./A3

REMEMBERING D-DAY, 65 YEARS LATER

TRUE GRIT: Leonard G. Lomell of Toms River, who carried out two dangerous and important missions in Europe during World War II, talks about how he survived the Allied invasion of Normandy.



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World War II veteran Leonard G. Lomell in his home in Toms River. During D-Day's final hours, he disabled five German cannons, saving thousands of soldiers who were landing at Omaha and Utah beaches.

War hero's way

TOMS RIVER

Once you get the hang of it, there's really nothing to this world-famous war hero stuff. Keep your head down, keep your wits about you, and pretty soon some general is pinning medals on your chest.



BILL HANDLEMAN

That's the way Leonard "Bud" Lomell sees it. Lot of luck involved. You have to be prepared to be lucky, he will concede, and you can't get caught up in over-thinking things. Aside from that, get past the initial obstacles and you're halfway home. The rest is history, as they say, or ancient history, depending on how you choose to look

at it.

"I get tired of it," he says, meaning that he gets



World War II veteran Leonard G. Lomell holds a sub-machine gun in this painting by Larry Selman titled "Pointe-du-Hoc, Where Rangers Led the Way" that hangs in Lomell's home in Toms River.

Priest accused of sex abuse

By KATHLEEN HOPKINS
TOMS RIVER BUREAU

TOMS RIVER — A Roman Catholic priest, most recently the pastor of St. Rose of Lima Church in Freehold, has been accused in a lawsuit of sexually abusing a boy in the 1980s, when the clergyman was assigned to St. Veronica's Church in Howell.

The lawsuit, filed late last month in Superior Court in Ocean County by lawyer Robert R. Fuggi Jr., alleges that the Rev. Richard Milewski abused his client, an unnamed, 37-year-old Virginia man, between 1984 and 1985.

Fuggi said his client was 13 years old and a student and altar boy at St. Veronica's, which has an elementary school, at the time.

Calls to Milewski at St. Rose were referred to the Diocese of Trenton. Spokeswoman Rayanne Bennett said in a prepared statement that the diocese never before had any complaints against Milewski until learning of the lawsuit on Wednesday.

"The Diocese has not yet had time to investigate this complaint to determine whether or not it is credible," the statement said. "Father Milewski has agreed to step aside from his duties as pastor of St. Rose of Lima Parish while the Diocese conducts its in-