

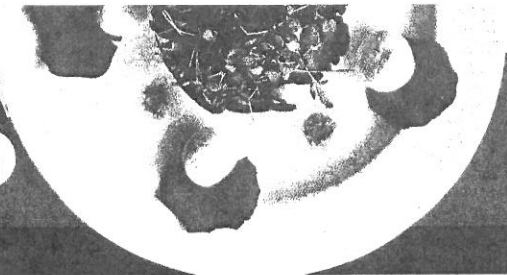
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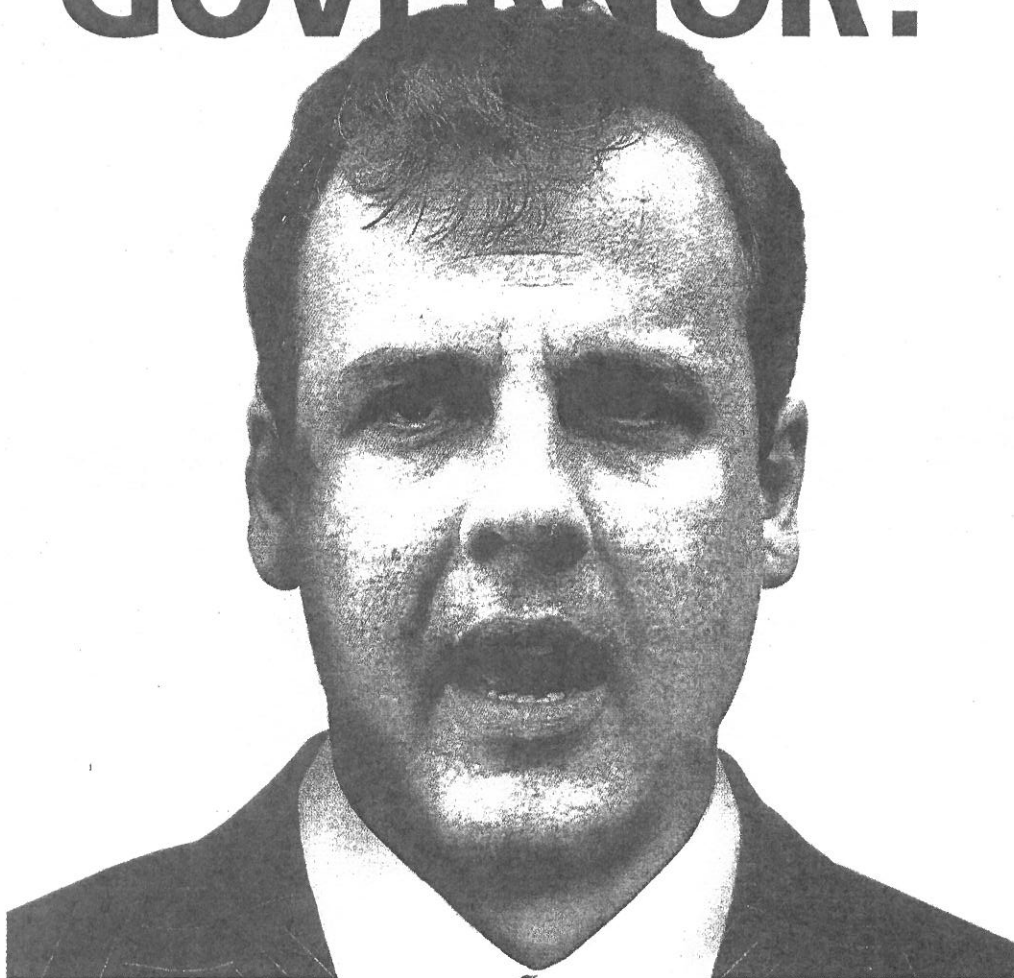
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Christie's surgery for health, he says

By Bob Jordan :: @BobJordanAPP and Kevin Penton :: @kevinpentonAPP

NEWARK — Gov. Chris Christie said that no matter what the pundits say, undergoing weight-loss surgery three months ago was not about politics for him, it was personal.

A slightly more svelte Christie spent 40 minutes Tuesday answering questions about his weight, insisting that the



GOVERNOR OPENS UP

Visit APP.com for a video of Christie discussing his surgery.

INSIDE

» Was surgery for health or higher

Gov's procedure is no magic pill

By Margaret F. Bonafide :: @mfbonafide

When I read that the governor had gastric-band surgery, I was happy for him. I had the same surgery in October and told very few people — my sisters and a select few co-workers. I still haven't mentioned it to my brothers.

I have had no trouble since the surgery but I don't think I am typical. I read a

Voters defend ballot secrecy

Officials accused of intimidation

By Nicquel Terry @NTerryAPP

ASBURY PARK — A prominent community leader denounced county officials Tuesday for questioning residents about their council election votes, calling it "voter suppression."

Standing beside a group of energized residents on the steps of the Monmouth County Prosecutor's Office building on Main Street here, Brother John Muhammad said he will not tolerate investigators asking residents whether they voted for the A-Team ticket. He said voters are afforded "secrecy" in casting their ballots by state law.

The A-Team had its Asbury Avenue campaign headquarters raided by the Prosecutor's Office on Saturday, just weeks after rival team AP Out Front accused the A-Team of mishandling vote-by-mail applications.

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ELECTION PREVIEW

Learn about the 22 candidates running for five seats in Asbury Park's City Council election. **Story, Page A10**

Sex attack worries parents in Toms River

By Amanda Oglesby @OglesbyAPP

TOMS RIVER — Parents and residents want to know how a retired marine police officer could have sexually attacked a teacher inside a township school.

Following the incident, in which the former officer allegedly used his badge to get inside the school after hours, the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office met with school officials to review safety.

The Toms River Regional School