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Corzine picks running mate
Governor asks state Sen. Loretta Weinberg to join him in his re-election bid.
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"This has been ratcheting up, and I obviously helped to contribute ratcheting it up. I want to make clear that in my choice of words, I think I unfortunately gave an impression that I was maligning the Cambridge Police Department and Sgt. Crowley specifically. And I could've calibrated those words differently."

— President Barack Obama, trying to tamp down a racial uproar he helped stoke when he said that Cambridge, Mass., police "acted stupidly" in arresting black scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr.

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ODD NEWS

Man accused of urine assault

CLARK COUNTY, Ky. — A custodian at the county government building faces charges of attempted battery by body waste for allegedly urinating on a court reporter's chair.

Stephen L. Thompson, 58, was arrested Wednesday on two counts of the class D felony, according to court documents.

The records say the incident was caught on video surveillance.

Both the Prosecutor's Office and the sheriff declined to release the video.

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PLAN BACKFIRES

By firing town manager Scott Janke, a Florida town council hoped to avoid negative attention before news leaked that Janke's wife is an adult film star. Too late — word is out.

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WEATHER

Partly cloudy
High: 85; Low: 70
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BREAKING NEWS

Van Pelt mum on resignation

REMOVED: Assemblyman's name off district site

By BILL BOWMAN
COASTAL MONMOUTH BUREAU

Assemblyman Daniel Van Pelt, R-Ocean, as of Friday had not yet told colleagues whether he will resign his legislative seat or his position as Lumberton's township administrator.

That latter decision may be made for him, however, as the Lumberton Township Committee is set to meet at 2 p.m. today to discuss Van Pelt's situation and possibly take action.

Van Pelt was arrested Thursday along with 43 other politicians and religious leaders from Monmouth, Ocean and Hudson

counties and New York in the latest incarnation of the FBI's Operation Bid Rig.

He was charged with accepting a \$10,000 bribe in connection with a land development deal.

Lumberton Mayor Mike Mansdoerfer said he spoke with Van Pelt Thursday night.

"I did ask for his resignation," Mansdoerfer said Friday. "I thought that would be the best thing for Lumberton. He said he was going to sleep on it and he would get back to us today. I have not heard back from him."

"We'll take official action (Saturday) if we don't hear

from him by then," Mansdoerfer said. "The ball is in his court."

Van Pelt earns \$96,000 as Lumberton's administrator.

Assemblyman Brian E. Rumpf, R-Ocean, Van Pelt's running mate, said Friday that he had not heard from Van Pelt.

"I have not spoken to him today," Rumpf said. "I don't know his plans."

Rumpf and state Sen. Chris Connors, R-Ocean, have called for Van Pelt to resign from his office and drop out of the re-election campaign.

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STAFF PHOTO: MICHAEL SYPNIEWSKI

Assemblyman Daniel Van Pelt, R-Ocean, is escorted by an FBI official at the Barry Lee Bush Building Claremont Tower of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Newark on Thursday.

Ex-senator gets 4 years for bribery and fraud

Result called a 'deterrent'

By ADAM SMELTZ
GANNETT NEW JERSEY

TRENTON — Former state Sen. Wayne Bryant, who was convicted on 12 counts of bribery and pension fraud, was sentenced to four years in federal prison Friday by U.S. District Judge Freda L. Wolfson.

Wolfson also ordered Bryant, 61, to pay \$113,167 in restitution, a \$25,000 fine and, once released from prison, to spend two years under supervision. He will be prohibited from holding an elected public office during those two years.

Before the sentence was handed down, a choked up Bryant apologized to the court, his family, friends and neighbors for his actions. He said if he could turn back time, he would exercise better judgment.

"I cannot express how deeply sorry I am for the scorn my actions have caused," Bryant said.

Wolfson said the one-time powerful state Democrat gave up his impartiality as a legislator when he accepted money, even if he intended to help his constituents.

Wolfson said there is no doubt that Bryant has done many good things for the state, but "more the pity because all of these good deeds are now necessarily overshadowed by what's happened the last couple of years."

In sentencing Bryant, who could have received as many as 15 years in prison, Wolfson said she considered



GANNETT PHOTO: JOHN ZIOMEK (above); AP PHOTO (below)

Former New Jersey state Senator Wayne Bryant enters the federal court in Trenton for sentencing Friday after being convicted of corruption charges. Below: R. Michael Gallagher, center, a former dean at UMDNJ, walks to the court in Trenton for sentencing on Friday. Gallagher was convicted last year on fraud charges in connection with Bryant's no show jobs at the school.



STUCK IN SANDY HOOK

Officials rethink plan for traffic

By KEVIN PENTON
KEYPORT BUREAU

Route 36 until 10 p.m.

SANDY HOOK — Like thousands of others Sunday, Patty Bellisario and her family enjoyed a beautiful summer afternoon on the Jersey Shore's northernmost beach.

The problem was leaving the Hook. On Sunday, the road leading out of Sandy Hook was littered with wailing children stuck inside hot vehicles, angry drivers yelling at police and desperate people urinating into bushes, she said.

"I can't begin to tell you how horrible a scene it was," said Bellisario, an Aberdeen resident who pulled out of her Sandy Hook parking spot at 7 p.m. and did not actually exit the national park and begin driving west on

Long known as a place to be avoided because of its popularity, Sandy Hook on a sunny weekend day is no picnic for drivers.

But Sunday's traffic snarl was so massive and nasty, even by the Hook's standards, that it prompted National Park Service officials to meet internally Monday and call for a meeting with the state Department of Transportation before the end of the week, said Brian Feeney, park spokesman.

"We've got to find a way to manage the traffic better," said Feeney, who estimated it took motorists at least two to three hours to leave Sandy Hook on Sunday. "This is not an acceptable visitor experience."

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Swine flu could hit 40% of U.S.

By MIKE STOBBE
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATLANTA — In a disturb-

blow that's more surprising than devastating, The virus has killed about 300 Americans and experts