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80 face music for Ozzfest offenses

Unruly mosh pit conduct, underage drinking charged

By MARGARET F. BONAFIDE
 STAFF WRITER

HOLMDEL — State Police arrested more than 80 people before 9 p.m. Thursday at the Ozzfest concert at the PNC Bank Arts Center, with the majority of the arrests for underage drinking and a number of others for violent dancing.

Also, a 27-year-old man — suspected to have consumed a cocktail of alcohol mixed with a high-caffeine beverage — was resuscitated by paramedics staffing the concert. He was then rushed to Bayshore Community Hospital, where medical staff had to revive him at least once more, Sgt. Stephen Jones said. Information on his condition was not available late Thursday.

Police did not charge the man Thursday night, but did charge his unnamed companion.

State Police Lt. Tom King reported the arrest total as of 8:45 p.m., just before the bigger names of the 15 bands were to take the stage. In addition to underage drinking, a re-

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Coming Saturday
 Boardwalk candy shop still makes taffy by the seashore.



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 Partly cloudy.
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Bruce, E Street cut new CD, due Oct. 2

By LARRY McSHANE
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Bruce Springsteen is back with the E Street Band — and a bit of "Magic."

The Rock and Roll Hall of Famer returns Oct. 2 with a new album, titled "Magic," his first collaboration with his longtime New Jersey mates since the Sept. 11-inspired "The

Rising" in 2002, Springsteen announced through his publicist Thursday.

The album, other than its atmospheric title track, is billed as Springsteen's return to rock 'n' roll after his solo "Devils & Dust" and the folk-inspired "The Seeger Sessions." Fans can expect Clarence Clemens' familiar saxophone. See Springsteen, Page A4



Bruce Springsteen plays at a December benefit in Sayreville. (FILE PHOTO)

Ex-pastor in Brick accused of molestation Church's lawyers want suit tossed

By KATHLEEN HOPKINS
 TOMS RIVER BUREAU

TOMS RIVER — Attorneys for St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Brick, its school and its parent organization will be in court today to ask a judge to dismiss a \$100 million lawsuit brought by 20 men who claim they were molested as children by a now-deceased church pastor in the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s.

The attorneys repre-

senting the church and its St. Thomas Christian Academy, both on Salmon Street in Brick, a group of 192 Evangelical Lutheran churches known as the New Jersey Synod, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will appear before state Superior Court Judge Thomas E. O'Brien seeking dismissal of the lawsuit against them on grounds that the two-year statute of limita-

tions to file a claim has long passed, and that state law immunizes charitable organizations from such lawsuits.

Joining in their arguments for dismissal will be attorneys for the estate of the Rev. Robert L. Slegel, who is alleged to have molested the children; his widow, Cynthia Slegel, who was the one-time principal of the one-

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FLY TRAPS CATCH ON: Biting greenhead flies thrive in salt marshes. In Long Beach Township, people fight back with baited boxes.



Bill Hutson, owner of Lorry's Island End Motel in the Holgate section of Long Beach Township, peers into a greenhead fly trap. The biting insects are lured in through the center opening, but can't find their way back out. (STAFF PHOTOS: MARY FRANK)

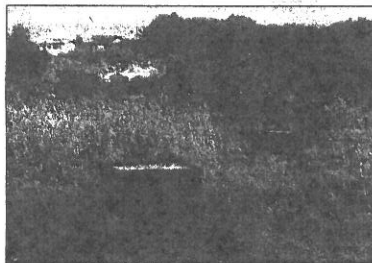
Operation Greenheads

Folks in Holgate say even more needs to be done

By MATT PAIS
 MANAHAWKIN BUREAU

LONG BEACH TOWNSHIP — The black, wooden boxes are scattered around a large salt marsh in Holgate like tombstones in a cemetery, marking final resting places for thousands of the most unwelcome of summer visitors.

Since their implementation five years ago, greenhead fly traps at the southern tip of Long Beach Island have proved successful in luring countless "flying piranhas," preventing the dreaded greenheads from inflicting the painful bites that are their trademark. Some local business owners, however, say a greater commitment is needed from local officials to expand the trap program.



About 50 of the handmade boxes are scattered around the salt marsh, and proponents say there should be a lot more.

"These (traps) work, but there needs to be a lot more of them."

Because of their relatively large size, greenhead flies are not susceptible to traditional sprays and repellents that help keep other biting insects, like mosquitoes, under control. That leaves trapping as the most practical solution to preventing swarms of greenheads from

Hutson, whose 12-room motel is two blocks from the salt marsh, says he and other business owners are fearful greenheads will shut down their seasonal economy if too many visitors get bites and decide not to return.

"We've got a tremendous demand here, but if we don't solve this problem, that's going to go away," said Hutson. 52

AT A GLANCE

GREENHEAD FLIES

SCIENTIFIC NAME: *Tabanus nigrovittatus*

FOUND: Along coastal marshes

SIZE: Their light-brown bodies can reach up to 1 inch in length

THE PROBLEM: Female flies attack and bite persistently in search of a "blood meal" after laying eggs. Traditional spray and repellent measures are wholly ineffective in keeping the insects from inflicting painful bites.

THE SOLUTION: A series of wooden, hand-made traps strategically placed in fly breeding grounds has been known to attract thousands of greenheads per hour.

SOURCE: Rutgers University

Visit our Web site, www.app.com, and click on this story for a link to instructions from Rutgers University field researchers on how to build your own greenhead

Lobbyists promote nuclear reactor

Goal: Rally support for Oyster Creek

By NICK CLUNN
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Two lobbyists being paid by the corporate owner of the Oyster Creek nuclear power plant announced Thursday the formation of a coalition that will tout the benefits of nuclear energy in the face of an organized grassroots effort to close the Lacey reactor.

Edward H. Salmon, founder of Salmon Ventures, will serve as chairman of the NJ Affordable, Clean, Reliable Energy Coalition. His colleague at Salmon, Richard S. Mroz, said he will work for the coalition as a senior adviser.

Both men have extensive background in government — Salmon was a Democratic state assemblyman from Cumberland County and a Board of Public Utilities commissioner. Mroz worked as counsel to Gov. Whitman and as liaison for the state's largest independent authorities, including the Turnpike Authority, Casino Control Commission, Delaware River Port Authority and the Sports and Exposition Authority.

They are being paid by Exelon Energy Corp. to use their expertise to give Oyster Creek better traction in the public debate over its future.

The coalition will immediately focus on advocating for a 20-year renewal of Oyster Creek's operating license. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission is expected to decide in January whether to grant the renewal. Without it, Oyster Creek will close in two years.

Exelon officials eventually want the coalition to run without any financial backing from the company to become "an independent voice for clean and

"To be able to have an effective coalition, you have to have a lot of big players in the state of New Jersey. I'm not looking for it to be a corporate coalition."

— Edward H. Salmon, NJ ACRE chairman