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IN OUR SCHOOLS

Lawyer: Trysts in classroom mutual

Parents fearful in Toms River

By Amanda Oglesby

TOMS RIVER — A man accused of sexually attacking a teacher in a Toms River school merely hugged the woman he loved at the end of their relationship inside of the classroom where they previously engaged in sexual acts, the accused man's attorney said on Wednesday.
"That's why this time was no dif-

rinats with this time was no direferent than probably five or 10 other times that he would come there to see her after school," said attorney Robert Fuggi. "In fact, I'd argue that this was different because they didn't have because they didn't have sex, sexual relations, that time. Other times they did. This was just a hug," he said of the en-counter on Jan. 14.

Bruce A. Figular, 50, a retired marine police officer living in Toms River, entered Intermediate East on that day, as he had numerous times before, to have a conversation with a teacher with whom he had been

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Governor's surgeon sued, clinic investigated

By Bob Jordan

Gov. Chris Christie has downplayed risks in his Lap-Band sur-gery at NYU's Langone Weight Management Program, but New York authorities investigated three years ago after three patients died following bariatric procedures at the clinic.

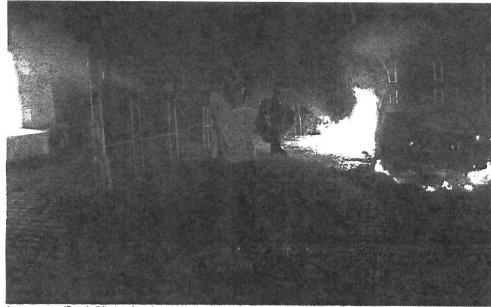
One of the patients, Rebecca Quatinetz, died in 2009 not long af-ter being sworn into the New York State Bar, said attorney Harold L. Wexler, who has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against program di-rector Dr. George Fielding. Quatinetz was 27 when she died a few months after the Lap-Band sur-





"WE SUSPECTED WE WERE BEING BAITED INTO A TRAP."

Gregory Hicks, the former deputy chief of mission in Libya



A man waves a rifle as buildings and cars burn inside the U.S. consulate compound in Benghazi on Sept. 11, 2012. House Republicans and Democrats furiously traded charges at a hearing on the attack Wednesday. APPICETTY IMAGES

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Eric Nordstrom, the former regional security officer in Libya

House Republicans renew cover-up charges at hearing

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