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NJ Makers Day to celebrate creativity around the state



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Samantha Brown is intently working on a motorized model provided by Bricks 4 Kidz. Bricks 4 Kidz will be giving classes using motorized models at the Hunterdon County Makers Day March 21.

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The Garden State will be blooming with creativity when more than 150 businesses and organizations in all 21 counties will celebrate creation and innovation in the first-ever New Jersey Makers Day event on Saturday. ¶ “This is the first time that we know of that a state has ever tried this,” said Doug Baldwin, emerging technologies librarian at the Piscataway Public Library. ¶ The event is expected to attract more than 5,000 entrepreneurs, small business owners and young professionals, as well as children, teens and parents from across the state.

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Plainfield teen ‘signed’ with Drew

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MADISON — It was just an accident. Anthony Pernel hit his head on a windowsill in August 2011. It didn't seem like a big deal. Until the headaches started.

Pernel's head hurt every day. He had three concussions in a six-month period, 10 of them in three years.

Normal childhood ceased for Anthony Pernel, his triplet brothers Ryan and Justin, and their parents, Jeanette and David, of Plainfield. Diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury, he couldn't focus on anything. His balance was affected, vision blurred. Bright lights and loud noises caused physical agony. Continuing to play soccer or baseball was out of the question.

Anthony Pernel was back on the sidelines on Sunday as part of Team IMPACT, a nonprofit organization that partners children with life-threatening or chronic ill-



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Anthony Pernel, a 13-year-old from Plainfield who is recovering from a traumatic brain injury, distributes lacrosse balls prior to Drew's game with Washington & Jefferson.

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Judge to review cop report on teacher

Teacher suspended after incident with juvenile

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BOUND BROOK — A Superior Court judge will review an unredacted police report involving a former high school teacher and a juvenile to determine whether it should be released.

Judge Yolanda Ciccone ordered the Bound Brook Police Department last week to submit to her the report of an Oct. 29, 2014, incident at the high school involving a juvenile and former Bound Brook High School art teacher Kimberly Charnuska.

The police department has until March 18 to comply with the order.

John Paff, a Franklin (Somerset) resident who has campaigned for open government for more than two decades, has filed suit against the borough, claiming it violated the state's Open Public Records Act (OPRA) by not completely fulfilling his request for police dispatch records involving Charnuska.

In a brief supporting the lawsuit, Paff's lawyer, Richard Gutman, said that on Oct. 29, police were called to the high school on a report of a suspicious incident involving Charnuska and a juvenile.

Police records say two police officers were dispatched to the high school and the incident was cleared 26 minutes later.

On that day, Charnuska was suspended with pay. A month later, on Nov. 24, Charnuska was terminated by

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WEIRD NJ/MARK MORAN

A detail of Sam Goldman's house in Piscataway.

Weird NJ: Dreams of socialist utopia in Piscataway

WEIRD NJ

PISCATAWAY — Located at 143 School St., in the North Stelton section of Piscataway, is a house that was the brainchild of Sam Goldman, a Russian-born artist, musician, paper-hanger and follower of anarchist doctrines. Built in 1915 by Goldman, the home is adorned with reliefs of Bolshevik symbolism, along with some abstract and oddly placed columns.

The area surrounding the house was once a farm commune, established as a cooperative organization called Fellowship Farms. It was a utopian enterprise based on socialist-Marxist teachings, and Sam was one of the leaders of the movement. At its center was the Modern School, conducted along progressive lines by followers of the Spanish martyr-anarchist Francisco Ferrer. The school was built on land donated by the

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