



Orange officials call Coat and Toy Drive a success

By Chris Sykes
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The citywide Coat and Toy Drive on Monday, Sept. 29 was a success, according to Orange West Ward District 3 District Leader William Hathaway.

"We had the kickoff at Sandwiches Unlimited on North Center Street yesterday and we raised \$750 so far for the coat drive," said Hathaway on Tuesday, Sept. 30. "I think it's a very good collaboration with the city and Mayor Dwayne Warren and the Orange Municipal Democratic Committee, where we can keep people warm for the holidays. It's something good, when you get away from the political season and everybody works together."

Hathaway also said it was good for all sectors of city government and the community to be working together, "as we change the season going into the holidays."

"I think it was a very good effort on everyone's part," continued Hathaway. "It's all a collaborative effort. We, as a Democratic committee, are getting stronger by the day."

"We had low voter turnout in our last municipal election," said Hathaway. "So now we're trying to educate people about why it is important to vote. The (Orange Municipal Democratic Committee) is no longer silent. It's part of the community and we're doing this Coat and Toy Drive all the way through until December."

Hathaway said that, in addition to the Coat and Toy

Drive, he and other members of the Orange Municipal Democratic Committee were targeting younger voters on Saturday, Sept. 27, with a goal of registering voters and beefing up the city's voting rolls ahead of the November elections.

"On every other Saturday, we're trying to pinpoint locations throughout the city to do voter-registration drives. We did two voter-registration drives already — one in front of Radio Shack on Main Street and one in front of Walgreens on Central Avenue."

West Ward Councilman Harold Johnson, who is also the West 4 District leader, said reaching out to the community

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Communities prepare for second open enrollment of the Affordable Care Act

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Following the first open enrollment session of the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare," which officials from Enroll America and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services have called a "great success," a second enrollment session is scheduled to begin Saturday, Nov. 15.

Justine Ceserano, the state director of Get Covered America — a national campaign of Enroll America that educates consumers about the benefits of health coverage and the insurance available through the Affordable Care Act — said localized data released Sept. 22 will allow the organization and its partners to zoom in on what enrollment looks like on the community level in New Jersey, in preparation for the next enrollment period.

"It's great news that more than 112,691 New Jerseyans across these (10) counties got covered through the Health Insurance Marketplace, but our work here is far from over," said Ceserano on Sept. 22.

"With the next open enrollment period right around the corner, we'll be working nonstop with our partners, like Centers for Family Services, New Jersey Citizen Action, New Jersey Hospital Association, the Orange Navigators Project and many other members of the New Jersey for Health Care Coalition, to make sure that New Jerseyans get covered and stay covered. We also have recently expanded our

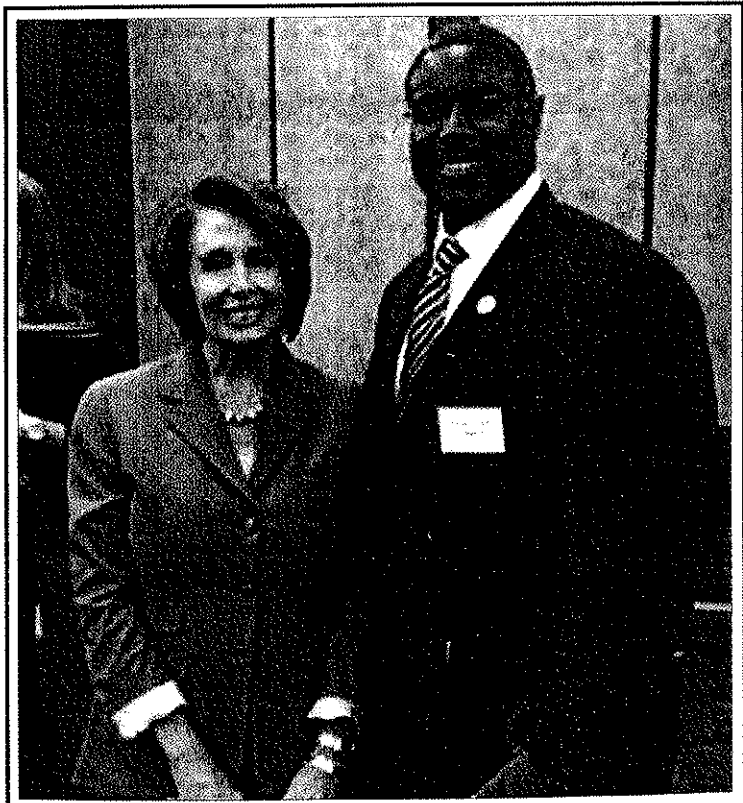
outreach to include more areas of Atlantic and Cape May counties, to ensure that we bring information to residents in communities where there is a demonstrated need for health care support in the South Jersey region."

Orange Mayor Dwayne Warren, the featured speaker at an Enroll America event at both the Orange Public Library and the St. Matthew AME Church earlier in the year, said he was glad to help and would support the next open enrollment session as well.

"The response to the work of Enroll America has been tremendous," said Warren on Tuesday, Sept. 23. "We hope that their valuable service continues in areas like Orange, where the health insurance deserts can become prevalent."

Enroll America is an independent non-profit organization that is also the nation's leading health care enrollment coalition with a mission to inform consumers about the new health coverage options and how to enroll in them. According to the organization, in 10 of the 13 counties that accounted for 90.4 percent of enrollment in New Jersey, Get Covered America had volunteers working at a grassroots level to engage with the uninsured. The 112,691 New Jerseyans who were enrolled in health care during the first enrollment period broke down as follows: 20,144 in Bergen County; 15,443 in Middlesex County; 14,615 in Essex County; 13,428 in Hudson County; 10,486 in Monmouth County;

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DIALOGUE WITH PELOSI — Mayor Lester Taylor III represented East Orange at the 44th annual Congressional Black Caucus' Legislative Conference. Taylor, right, engaged in a candid dialogue on issues facing African-American communities during a roundtable discussion with top decision makers, including Nancy Pelosi, left, House minority leader and first woman to serve as speaker of the House.

Lovett is sentenced to 31 years in state prison for killing Malcolm 'Ambitious' Bagley

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Mark Lovett was sentenced on Thursday, Sept. 18, by Newark Superior Court Judge Robert Gardner to 31 years in state prison for killing Malcolm "Ambitious" Bagley in a drive-by shooting on Taylor Street in Orange on May 27, 2012.

Lovett's family members were allowed to address the court to plead for leniency in his sentencing, but Gardner sentenced him to 31 years.

"Following a monthlong trial before ... Judge Robert H. Gardner, the jury deliberated for a day and a half before finding Lovett, 22, guilty of killing Bagley," acting Essex County Prosecutor Carolyn Murray announced July 14.

"He was also convicted of aggravated assault on shooting another man, unlawful possession of a rifle and possession of a rifle for unlawful purpose.

"The jury acquitted Lovett of the more serious offense of murder. He was also found not guilty of conspiracy to commit murder."

After the verdict in Lovett's trial was announced July 14, Murray said Gardner immediately revoked Lovett's \$1 million bail.

Sharon Bagley, Malcolm's mother, was in the courtroom at the sentencing, but declined to comment.

Shawn Watford, 26, of East Orange, accused of driving the car Lovett was in when he shot and killed Bagley, is scheduled to be tried next.

Watford is also charged with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, attempted murder and weapons offenses; he is scheduled to be back in court on Oct. 3, according to Murray and Assistant Prosecutor Romesh Sukhdeo.

"We believe justice was served in this case," said Sukhdeo said on Monday, July 14. "Hopefully, this will bring some comfort to the victim's family."



Photo by Chris Sykes

BIG WINNERS — Orange Housing Authority Youth Scholarship recipients Tashonna Singleton, left, and Johanna Esezvz, right, hold their 'big checks' on Monday, Sept. 15, at the Orange Housing Authority's fourth annual Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Green Brook Country Club in North Caidwell.

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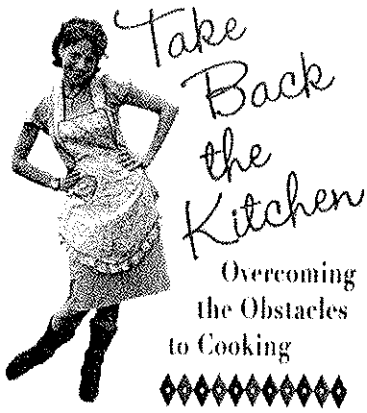
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Curried Chicken Salad

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| Ingredients | 1/4 tsp. salt |
| 4 cups chopped, cooked chicken from two large breasts | 1/4 tsp. black pepper |
| 1/3 cup mayonnaise | |
| 2 tsp. curry powder | |
| 1/4 cup golden raisins | |
| 1/2 cup toasted, chopped pecans | |

Method
Combine all ingredients together and serve cold on a sandwich or over greens.

Alma Schneider, a licensed clinical social worker and cooking coach, provides individual sessions, corporate presentations and group workshops helping individuals overcome their practical and psychological obstacles to cooking. Alma has appeared on the Today Show, TV Land and has presented at the TEDx Talks. She has also been featured in Family Circle Magazine and numerous other publications. A cookbook is in the works! For more information, contact her at alma@takebackthekitchen.com or visit her website at www.takebackthekitchen.com.



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READY FOR THE LINKS — Orange North Ward Councilwoman Tency Eason, seated center, is flanked by former Councilman and current Orange Housing Authority Chairman Coram Rimes, left, and West Ward Councilman Harold L. Johnson on Monday, Sept. 15, at the Orange Housing Authority's fourth annual Youth Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Green Brook Country Club in North Caldwell.

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Proud parents and staff kick off first Board Lobby Art Show

The monthly Board of Education art opening was on Wednesday, Sept. 17. Students, attending various Orange Early Childhood facilities in the district, were honored with certificates presented by their teachers for the wonderful artwork on display.

Jacquelyn Blanton, supervisor of Early Childhood, along with Superintendent of Schools Ronald C. Lee and the Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, Peter Crosta, welcomed families and congratulated the budding artists for their talents and creativity.

The work includes finger-painting,

shapes, lines, portraits and more, and was a sense of pride for teachers and parents, as students were applauded.

Blanton thanked parents for entrusting their children to the care of the staff and thanked the staff for the work that went into the exhibit.

The artwork will be on display through the end of the month and members of the community are invited to visit the lobby exhibit at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, 151 Lincoln Ave., during normal business hours Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.