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Christie holds town meeting at Air Station

NJ Governor focuses his talk on education

By ERIC AVEDISSIAN
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LOWER TOWNSHIP – Gov. Chris Christie conducted a town hall meeting at the Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum, addressing issues such as education and tenure reform for teachers and recounting his battles with the state's teacher's union.

Over 600 people, including municipal, county and state leaders throughout Cape May County attended the event, held in the cavernous airport hangar. The governor spoke amid vintage aircraft and large American flags.

Christie said the event was his 36th town hall style meeting he's held since becoming governor 15 months ago.

Education was the central topic of Christie's speech. According to Christie, during the 2009-2010 school year, New Jersey spent \$25 billion on K-12 education. He said \$10 billion of those expendi-

tures came from the state's income tax while \$15 billion came from property taxes.

He said New Jersey spends more per pupil than any state in the country, over \$17,000 per pupil per year.

Christie said some special interests in the state advocate spending more money on education while the results don't show much improvement.

The governor cited a 1988 Supreme Court case mandating the state had to spend more money in 31 particular Abbott school districts out of the state's 588 school districts. He said in 1988, 36 percent of state education funding went to those 31 school districts. Today, 59 percent of spending for education goes for those 31 districts, he said.

Since 1985, education spending in the state has increased 343 percent, Christie said.

Christie said these urban districts showed high failure rates even after they received increased state funding, and called increased funding to the Abbott districts part of a "failed theory."

He addressed his contentious sparring with the New Jersey Education

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New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie spoke to about 600 people who gathered at the Naval Air Station Wildwood at the Cape May County Airport. The stop in Cape May County was Christie's 36th "town hall" meeting in the 15 months he has been in office.

Appendectomies and other simple things in Ecuador

By CHRISTOPHER SOUTH
Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY – Emma Goldmark graduated from Wake Forest last May with a dual degree in Biology and Spanish. With aspirations of going into a medical field, Goldmark decided to get some medical experience while using her Spanish language skills.

I knew after graduating I wanted to travel somewhere and I started looking at programs in South America where I could use my Spanish," she said. "Then I found this place in Ecuador."

Goldmark said she had friends who had been to Ecuador and they like it, so she chose to volunteer at a hospital in the town of Manglaralto for two months. Goldmark said she spent most of her time in the hospital's emergency room, but also worked in the surgery department.

"I would assist in surgeries, but our hospital was very basic – no open heart or brain surgery – C-sections, appen-



Photo courtesy of Emma Goldmark

Cape May's Emma Goldmark, right in photo, is shown with some staff members at the Ecuadorian hospital where she volunteered.

dectomies, a lot of really simple things," she said.

It would seem that any kind of surgery would be a shock to the uninitiated, but

Goldmark said she just looked at surgery very scientifically, and it didn't make her squeamish.

Goldmark said she spent

the majority of her time in the emergency room, where she was given a lot of latitude for someone with no medical training,

"They would let me have my own patients and give a diagnosis and write prescriptions," she said.

After that, an MD would double-check her findings.

"They were very willing to teach, to show me this and tell why it was done," she said.

Goldmark said they never experienced anything major in the ER, mainly lacerations in need of stitches, babies with a fever, diarrhea vomiting, and the occasional drowning. She said the town of Manglaralto is located on the coast, where they have some rough and powerful seas.

Goldmark said she was not completely prepared for what she would encounter in Ecuador, but she was not totally naïve about it either.

"It's a developing country, so I knew what I was getting into," she said.

Goldmark said Ecuador is a beautiful country, with rain-

forests, mountains, and a coastline – a lot different kinds of terrain for one country.

"The people are the best part," she said. "They are very welcoming, very friendly. And even though they don't have a lot, they seem incredibly happy with what they have."

Goldmark said the town was only about four blocks wide and eight or nine blocks long. "It's tiny, so you get to know everyone very quickly," she said.

At times she would to Guayaquil, the second largest city in Ecuador, which she said was like every other city in the United States – shopping malls, supermarkets, airports, fancy hotels. Goldmark said besides the medical knowledge she picked up, she learned a lot by living in another culture.

"Going there I was not sure if I wanted to be a doctor or go into some medical field, but

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Star and Wave, Sentinel pick up press, advertising awards

OCEAN CITY – The Ocean City Sentinel and its sister newspaper, the Cape May Star and Wave, won seven statewide awards in the annual New Jersey Press Association Better Newspaper Contest for 2010.

The awards were presented last Thursday, April 7, in Jamesburg.

The awards were in writing categories, design and layout, and one photography category. The newspapers also won a first place in an advertising category.

Publisher David Nahan said the awards show the nature of small weekly newspapers in which staff members wear a variety of hats.

Editorial awards

"I was extremely happy for staff writer Eric Avedissian, who took a first place for us," said Nahan. "He works very hard covering local news along with local and county

politics and state politics that affect our area."

Avedissian, who has written for the Cape May Star and Wave and the Ocean City Sentinel, won a first place award for "Fighting drugs on the home front," in the Special Subject Writing category in the over 6,500 circulation category.

The story focused on the Ocean City Police Department's battle with the infiltration of drugs into Ocean City. In the article, Ocean City Police Lt. Steven Ang explained the availability of illegal narcotics in every community and how drug networks filter from large cities into smaller towns.

Dr. Steven Fenichel provided balance in a sidebar about the need to decriminalize drugs and legalize them. Another sidebar explained the state's efforts to legalize marijuana for medicinal purposes.

Avedissian is a multiple



Photo by Mary Rudloff

From left, staff writer Eric Avedissian, Star and Wave managing editor Christopher South, staff writer Kristen Kelleher, publisher and Ocean City Sentinel editor David Nahan.

NJPA award winner over the years, including a first place in the Community Home Run category for a series he did on the Villas while working out of the Star and Wave office.

Christopher South, managing editor of the Cape May Star and Wave, and Nahan, who is based in Ocean City

and is editor of the Ocean City Sentinel, both took second place awards for their column writing.

South won the award for column writing for newspapers under 6,500 circulation for a pair of humorous columns, "Surprise! You've got picture mail" and "Poor

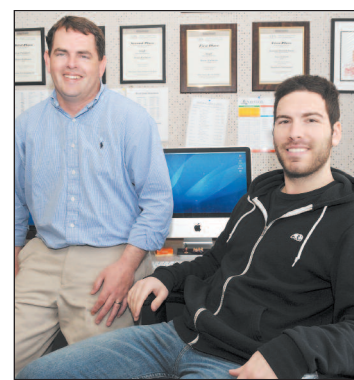


Photo by David Nahan

Advertising representative Rob Elder and Sean Kolman, the graphic designer behind the ads at the Star and Wave and Ocean City Sentinel.

Pilgrims, no cool whip." The first, South said, was "dealing with how inept us 50-some-things are at using modern cell phones" and the second was a humorous account of the first Thanksgiving.

South's columns appear in the Star and Wave and in the Ocean City Sentinel.

"Chris also won a third place in Responsible Journalism – Public Service (the Lloyd Burns Memorial Award) for his story titled 'Downed wires: Whose line is it anyway?' The story was about the myriad of downed wires that remained months after the winter storms of 2010, which apparently had gone unreported by anyone. "In the process of locating these wires, I also found numerous places where the cable TV company had left excess wire on the ground or taped to poles," South explained. "As a result of attempting to find out whose wires these were, the cable and phone company quickly resolved the matter, having crews eliminate the downed wires."

"That kind of explains the

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