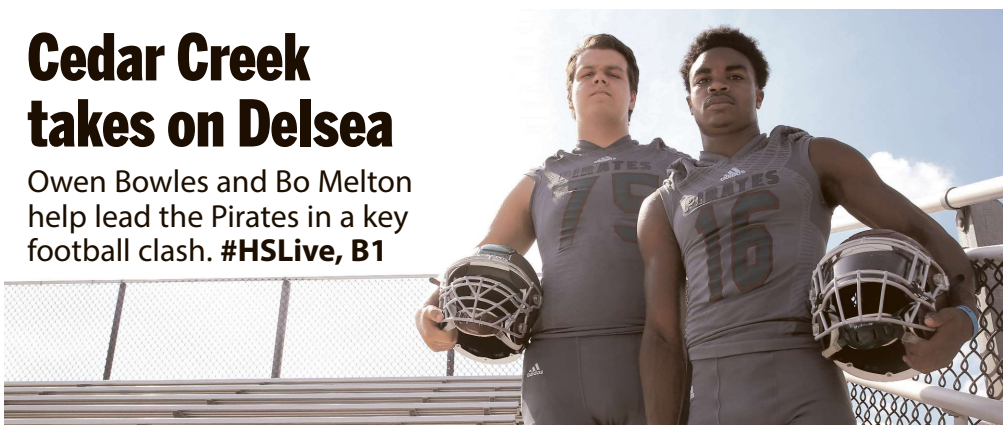
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Cedar Creek takes on Delsea

Owen Bowles and Bo Melton help lead the Pirates in a key football clash. **#HSLive, B1**



ADDRESSING WEATHER WORRIES

Increasing frequency, intensity of severe storms chief concerns of crowd at O.C. forum. **A10**

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Officer shot on duty out of hospital



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A crowd of police officers, firefighters, hospital staff and others applauded Atlantic City police Officer Joshlee Vadell, 29, as he was released Thursday from AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, 12 days after being shot in the head responding to a robbery outside a casino parking garage. Trauma doctors said they expect Vadell, who was transferred to a rehabilitation center, to make a full recovery.

Vadell has thumbs up for cheering crowd; full recovery expected

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ATLANTIC CITY — Resort police Officer Joshlee Vadell, who was shot in the head 12 days ago, left AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center, City Campus, on Thursday as a crowd of about 200 officers and firefighters erupted in applause.

He left on a gurney, covered in a white blanket and wearing a helmet adorned with an Atlantic City police patch.

Vadell, 29, appeared to smile, waved his hand and gave a thumbs up as he was taken to a waiting ambulance while his pregnant wife, Laura, followed him.

Motorcycle officers escorted the ambulance to a facility where Vadell will undergo rehabilitation.

"Josh's recovery so far is remarkable. We went from a conservative 50/50 almost two weeks ago to now he is sitting up, speaking and remembers the whole incident."

CHRIS KAMMERMAN
A.C. police captain

"Josh's recovery so far is remarkable. We went from a conservative 50/50

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Atlantic City police Capt. Frank Brennan smiled as looked at the crowd gathered Thursday to watch Vadell leave the hospital. 'We're all in the same family, and this is a great show of support and outpouring from a slew of other departments,' Brennan said.

ONLINE See a gallery of photos and video of Officer Vadell being greeted by applause as he leaves the hospital at **PressofAC.com**.

6th person arrested in X'way shootout

Drove self to Philly hospital after incident

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EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP — A sixth suspect has been arrested and charged in connection with the rolling shootout last month that killed one person and injured five others on the Atlantic City Expressway.



DEMOSTHENE

Wilbert Demosthene, 25, of Pleasantville, was shot during the Aug. 29 melee and drove to Philadelphia, where he admitted himself to a hospital for treatment of a gunshot wound to his arm, police said. He was later released.

Police in Pleasantville and State Police detectives found Demosthene on Tuesday at a home on Willard Avenue, where he was arrested without incident.

He was charged with

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STAFFORD TOWNSHIP

Cops, social workers join forces

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STAFFORD TOWNSHIP — Ocean County police officers and social workers are teaming up to bridge law enforcement with mental health and social services in one of the first pilot programs of its kind in the state.



DELLANE

A licensed social worker will be on duty at Stafford Township Police Department headquarters as of Thursday to help people with mental-health and/or substance-abuse issues in the community get access to programs, treatment and services through police officer referrals.

"If you look at some of the recent law-enforcement involved shootings, a lot of them involve people in mental-health crises," said Stafford police Chief Thomas Dell-

See **STAFFORD**, A2

Ex-Duke star has green plans for hometown tract

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VIDEO

Brian Davis explains his vision for the Riverside tract at **PressofAC.com**.

ATLANTIC CITY — Brian Davis hears all the negativity surrounding his native city — the casino closings, the shaky finances, the looming state takeover.

So Davis is trying to help his hometown turn around. The two-time collegiate national basketball champion wants to make a "positive contribution" with a "green" mixed-use development along the city's back bay. He envisions high-end rental housing, retail and a boardwalk along the marina.

His company, Urban Echo, is close to buying Riverside, a 10.43-acre waterfront property along Route 30. Urban Echo, where Davis serves as man-

See **RIVERSIDE**, A2



Brian Davis celebrates Duke's 1991 NCAA basketball title. The Atlantic City native is now a managing member of Urban Echo, a company buying the Riverside tract in the resort, with plans for high-end rental housing and other development.

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BRINGING HISTORY TO LIFE

Civil War re-enactors this weekend at Cold Spring Village stress the importance of a soldier's motivation. **C1**

STOCKTON PARKING AT A PREMIUM

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SWEATING THE BILL

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