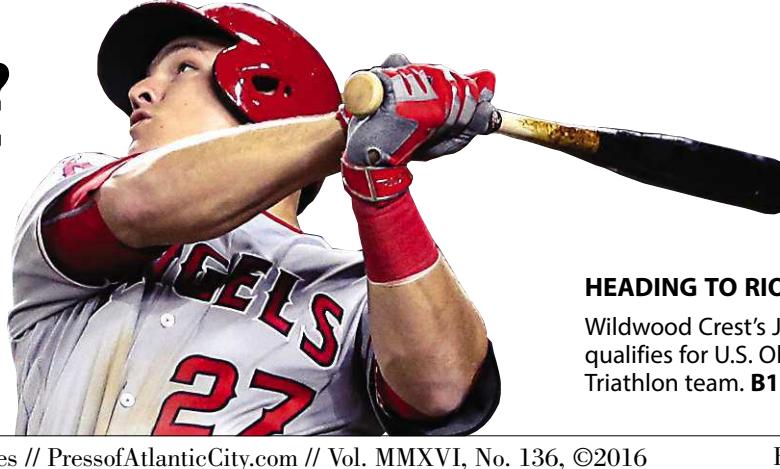


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Trade Trout? 'No chance'

Sorry, Phillies fans. The Angels' star will not be changing uniforms. **B1**



HEADING TO RIO

Wildwood Crest's Joe Maloy qualifies for U.S. Olympic Triathlon team. **B1**

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Regional Edition

"It's never, 'How are you?' or 'How do you feel?' Sometimes you feel like you're a sideshow at a circus."

KIMBERLY PACK, daughter of slain radio host and veterans advocate April Kauffman, found dead May 10, 2012

4 years later, Kauffman killing still mystery

[COLD CASES]

One in a series of stories about unsolved killings in the region.

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Visit PressofAC.com for interactive graphics detailing all the cases in our series, and watch video of Kimberly Pack talking about April Kauffman.



KAUFFMAN

LYNDA COHEN
Staff Writer

April Kauffman's death garnered national attention.

The popular local radio host who fought for veterans was shot dead inside her bedroom in the quiet, upscale town of Linwood.

The story was everywhere after her

May 10, 2012, slaying.
And then, nothing.

Four years later, there is no arrest and no new information.

Still, whispers rise up from time to

time, feeding the gossip mill.

But behind the salacious musings, there is a daughter looking for answers

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Crash kills two teen girls from Bridgeton

THOMAS BARLAS
Staff Writer

MAURICE RIVER TOWNSHIP — Two Bridgeton High School students were killed and two of their classmates seriously injured when their car veered off Route 49 and struck a tree early Saturday just hours after their school's prom.

Daisia Sulton, 17, and Mikayla Mosley, 15, died after the car Sulton was driving "failed to negotiate a curve" on Route 49 just west of Port Elizabeth-Cumberland Road around 3:45 a.m., State Police said.

Passengers Zyiah Stocks, 16, and Jada Barriento, 17, were taken to hospitals for

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AC IMPACT

For ongoing coverage of Atlantic City's cash crisis, see PressofAC.com/ac_impact.

A.C.'S EVER-RISING BUDGET

40 years of blame to share

NICHOLAS HUBA
Staff Writer

ATLANTIC CITY — Since the approval of casino gaming in the city in 1976, government spending in the city has increased by 677 percent, according to a 40-year review of city budgets by The Press of Atlantic City.

The continuous spending, which included increases of more than \$15 million during some budget cycles, was fueled by an ever-growing casino economy that left the city flush with cash. From 1976 to 2008, the height of the casino industry in the resort, the value of the city's ratable base grew by more than 6,750 percent, topping out at \$20.5 billion in 2008, city budget records show.

No matter the city's leadership — from former Mayors James Usry, Jim Whelan and Lorenzo Langford to current Mayor Don Guardian — spending has grown while administration after administration gave generous public contracts and

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SEE THE DATA

View 40 years of data on city spending, ratables, debt service, salaries and more with this story at PressofAC.com.



REOPEN REVEL JUNE 15

Can the Florida businessman meet the deadline?

MICHELLE BRUNETTI POST & NICHOLAS HUBA // STAFF WRITERS

The ever-optimistic Glenn Straub insisted last week he can reopen about 40 percent of the former Revel Casino Hotel by June 15, even though he acknowledged his to-do list is extensive.

But experts in the hospitality field are doubtful he can make that deadline — especially when it comes to getting the casino ready.

Straub conceded he only expects slot machines to be working by the opening, not table games.

He planned to pick a hotel and casino operator this weekend who already has an Atlantic City presence and licensed employees and executives, he said Thursday. But he still has to close the deal on a contract.

He wouldn't name the two finalists, but whoever gets the deal will have to hire and train hundreds

of employees at a time when many experienced casino workers have left the region.

Straub said he does not have to pass a Division of Gaming Enforcement investigation and go through a Casino Control Commission hearing to get licensed. That's because he is simply acting as landlord to the casino operator, who will own a small percentage of the building.

Under state law, that should mean he won't need a license, he said.

"We already went through it 10 months ago," he said of application to the DGE. "They wanted

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and north:
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BACK AT BOARDWALK CON

The second annual Atlantic City Boardwalk Con features fun, games and plenty of returnees from last year. **A3**

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