



MGM, Boraie announce deal for Marina District housing

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ATLANTIC CITY — MGM Resorts International and Boraie Development LLC are planning to build 200 luxury condo units in the Marina District.

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The project was announced Tuesday during a news conference at Golden Nugget Atlantic City. “We believe there is strong demand in the high-quality primary and second home market, and Boraie is the best possible partner to execute this

project,” MGM Resorts said in a statement Tuesday. “While we are very excited about this project and its potential positive impact on the city, at this time we have not yet established the project’s feasibility, and it is subject to extensive regulatory approvals.”

MGM Resorts operates Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa and owns the land where the mixed-use project will be built. The 14.71-acre plot of land has an estimated value of \$32 million, state tax records show.

Council President Marty Small Sr. said

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Atlantic City Council President Marty Small Sr. looks over a plan by MGM Resorts International and Boraie Development to build 200 luxury condo units in the Marina District.

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Fish fight

Danielle Beerley, 53, of Atlantic City, casts for striped bass and bluefish Tuesday on a jetty in the resort.

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As striped bass population drops, Jersey Shore anglers split over new rules governing catch sizes, allowances

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On calm, sunny days, dozens of boats dock at Kammerman’s Marina in Atlantic City. Most set out to sea for one fish in particular: the Atlantic striped bass.

The popular recreational catch faced near extinction a few decades ago, leading to a temporary ban on capturing the species in the mid-1980s.

Now, striped bass are being overfished again amid a decades-long drop in their population, and new regulations are com-

ing next year, leaving South Jersey fishermen divided.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, which manages fishing from Maine to North Carolina, wants to put more restrictions on the harvest. In an April memo, the commission said it was launching a study into how to reduce fish deaths by 17% by 2020.

“Striped bass are one of the most sought-after game on the East Coast,” said Max Appelman,

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Wayne Bennett, of Galloway Township, shows off a 43-pound striped Tuesday at One Stop Bait & Tackle in Atlantic City. Bennett says it’s difficult to find a striped that meets the larger size requirement. In the background is One Stop owner Noel Feliciano.

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Diocese sued over Ventnor sex abuse

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CAMDEN — A Philadelphia man who alleges he was sexually abused at St. James Parish in Ventnor from 1996 to 2001 claims the Diocese of Camden and then-Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio did not do enough to protect him or the children who were abused after him, according to a lawsuit filed Monday.

The suit, filed on behalf of Justin Hoffman, 29, seeks damages and states the diocese demonstrated negligence, including failing to report abuse and protect parishioners from a “serial molester.” It also names Holy Trinity Parish in Margate, the “successor to St. James Parish,” the school for which was torn down in 2016.

Hoffman alleges the Rev. Brendan Sullivan abused him when he served as Sullivan’s altar boy as a student at St. James school. According to the lawsuit, the abuse increased in frequency and intensity over the five-year period and included indecent exposure, inappropriate fondling, groping and removing Hoffman’s clothes and underwear.

“I wasn’t in a position where I was making this conscious decision to hang out with this priest, this sex offender, every day,” Hoffman said Tuesday at a news conference in Cherry Hill. “He was like my best friend. It’s kind of embarrassing to say. ... That’s not a healthy friendship. There isn’t a friendship between a 65- or

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A.C. casinos report 11th straight month of revenue growth

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ATLANTIC CITY — The casino industry continued its winning streak in April, reporting a 16.9% increase in total gaming revenue.

The increase in gaming revenue is the 11th consecutive month of growth for the industry. Atlantic City’s nine casinos reported \$250.7 million in total gaming revenue, according to

the state Division of Gaming Enforcement.

Casino revenue in the resort has increased by double digits every month since the opening of Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Atlantic City and Ocean Casino Resort in June.

Through the first four months of 2019, the industry has generated \$977.37 million in gaming revenue, an increase of 20.8% over the same period last year, when seven casino prop-

erties were operational.

“Gaming and leisure customers have many options, both online and on site, and Atlantic City is positioned for a great summer season with its addition of new sportsbook lounges and other exciting amenities,” said James T. Plousis, chairman of the Casino Control Commission.

Revenue from table games and slot machines increased by 8.4% to \$207.6 million in April compared to the same

month in 2018. However, Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa was the only existing to property to report an increase (0.5%). The two new gaming parlors accounted for \$38.55 million in casino win.

Internet gambling revenue grew by nearly 60 percent, according to state gaming regulators. Online and mobile gaming generated nearly \$36.6 million

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