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South Jersey's snow day

How did we end up with so much snow Wednesday, and when will the next flakes fall? Find out on **A3** and in the forecast on **C6**.

TENNIS ALL-STARS

The best high school players on the courts are on **B1**.

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MORE BUSH FUNERAL COVERAGE IN WORLD, C1



MASTER SGT. AMANDA SIMMONS, U.S. MARINE CORPS / PROVIDED
Ocean City High School graduate Timothy Dugan, back row center, plays trombone in the President's Own Marine Chamber Orchestra on Wednesday during the state funeral for former President George H.W. Bush at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C.

O.C. native plays trombone at funeral for ex-President Bush

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Ocean City native Timothy Dugan once thought he'd find a job in music education after grad school.

On Wednesday, he played trombone at former President George H.W. Bush's state funeral.

Services were held at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. And the Presi-



DUGAN

dent's Own Marine Band, which Gunnery Sgt. Dugan has been a part of since 2003, played a pivotal role.

"It was a pretty startlingly neat event," he said. "With all the former presidents being there and all the people involved, it's clearly a very historic, neat oppor-

tunity, and we're lucky to be a part of it."

Dugan, 40, was appointed the group's assistant principal in 2017. The band's main duties, Dugan said, include providing music for official ceremonies at the White House and funerals at Arlington National Cemetery.

He graduated from Ocean City High School in 1996 and

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Miss A seeks funds from CRDA

Pulls license from state organization

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The Miss America Organization is fed up with Miss New Jersey's leadership, but will still take New Jersey's money.



DOHERTY

Matt Doherty, executive director of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority, said Wednesday the authority has received a request for proposal from the Miss America Organization regarding future sponsorship.

The CRDA has not responded to the pageant organizers, with Doherty saying it's "too early to say."

The MAO has not returned calls or emails for comment on its current status in Atlantic City.

Meanwhile, the MAO is still taking action against the executive directors and board members of several states, including New Jersey, that were vocal about their dissatisfaction with the "Miss America 2.0" rebranding.

Representatives for the Miss New Jersey Education Foundation said they could not comment on the license termination at this time.

Three more states have had their licenses revoked by the Miss America Organization. The state pageant organizations in New Jersey,

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ONLINE

Do you want Miss America to stay in Atlantic City? Take our poll at **PressofAC.com**.

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DRYING OUT

HIGH: 40
LOW: 28
See your South Jersey forecast on **C6**.



At long last, justice for April



CRAIG MATTHEWS / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Ferdinand 'Freddy' Augello, 62, spoke for a little over 30 minutes before his life sentence was handed down Wednesday, saying he was 'stunned,' he was being 'railroaded' and calling the case against him 'a farce.' At top is an old photo of April Kauffman, the woman he is accused of having murdered, and her daughter Kim Pack.

Augello to spend rest of his life in prison in 2012 killing of Kauffman, plot to kill doctor husband

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MAYS LANDING — "As relieved that I am that there has been justice for April, I'm just sad," Kimberly Pack said. "This sadness is something I've never felt before, and I believe that I am finally able to grieve my mother."

ONLINE: Watch video and see more photos from the sentencing at **PressofAC.com**.

Pack, daughter of local veterans advocate, businesswoman and radio host April Kauffman, who was fatally shot in 2012, addressed the court from the prosecution's desk Wednesday morning while pictures of her and her mother were projected onto a screen during the sentencing of the man found guilty of her murder.

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KIM PACK, April Kauffman's daughter

sign maker and retired member of the Pagans outlaw motorcycle club from Upper Township, was sentenced to life plus 30 years in state prison with 55 years of parole ineligibility for the murder of April Kauffman, as well as the conspiracy to murder April's husband, Dr. James Kauffman, and four charges related to running an illegal opioid ring out of James Kauffman's Egg Harbor Township medical practice.

He was found guilty Oct. 2 after a trial in Atlantic County Superior Court.

"For the first time since the jury returned a verdict, I feel alive and awake," Pack said, letting a sob escape from time to time while reading from a statement. "Over the years, I have felt like I have been dead myself."

See **AUGELLO**, A2



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Toms River and north: \$1.75