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[Rice doesn't rule out challenging Joe D](#)

Senator Ronald L. Rice (D-28) wants Democrats to mount a challenge against incumbent Essex County Executive Joe DiVincenzo next year, and he hasn't ruled out himself - although he acknowledges the unlikelihood of a Rice candidacy. [PolitickerNJ](#)

<http://www.politickernj.com/68423/rice-doesnt-r...>

[The Roque Trial continues](#)

NEWARK - An animated defense team got a crack at the prosecution's star witness today in the federal hacking trial of West New York Mayor Felix Roque. [PolitickerNJ](#)

<http://www.politickernj.com/68414/roque-trial-y...>

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Latest from State Street Wire

Lawmakers probe jitney-related concerns in wake of fatality

HOBOKEN – A jitney-related fatality earlier this year brought state lawmakers to this riverside city Monday to weigh the issues of passenger and pedestrian safety as well as the ability of a small industry to survive. State Street Wire
<http://www.politickernj.com/68418/lawmakers-pro...>

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Lhota wants to bar New Yorkers from homeless shelters

Republican mayoral hopeful Joe Lhota wants to stop non-New Yorkers from hogging the city's shelter beds. PolitickerNY

<http://politicker.com/2013/09/joe-lhota-wants-t...>

Dems will highlight Sandy rebuilding issues in campaign against Christie

New Jersey Democrats are criticizing the handling of housing funding for victims of superstorm Sandy and intend to make it an issue in the November governor's race. Wall Street Journal

<http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2013/09/23/demo...>

Booker's problematic tax returns

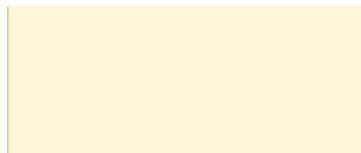
Newark mayor Cory Booker, who hopes to be New Jersey's next senator, claims to have "released" 15 years' worth of his tax

There should be no waiting period on equality

Seeing Red Over Red-Light Cameras: A New Jersey doctor fights City Hall

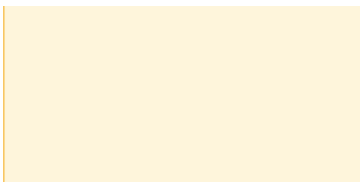
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returns in what his campaign trumpeted as a "historic gesture of transparency." National Review

<http://www.nationalreview.com/article/359202/co...>



Lobbyists roll up sleeves for pharmacy compounding battle

If you want to know how nervous the pharmaceutical industry is about the prospect of new federal regulation of compounding pharmacies — like the one involved in last year's lethal fungal meningitis outbreak — look to K Street. Politico

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/09/lobbyists...>

Affordable Care Act: One blow after another

The Obamacare that consumers will finally be able to sign up for next week is a long way from the health plan President Barack Obama first pitched to the nation. Politico

<http://www.politico.com/story/2013/09/obamacare...>

McConnell rejects Cruz push on Affordable Care Act filibuster

WASHINGTON -- Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) doesn't back the push by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Texas) to vote against bringing up a bill to defund Obamacare, a McConnell aide told The Huffington Post. Huffington Post

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/23/mitch-...>

Americans among mall attackers

WASHINGTON -- Two or three Americans and one Briton were among those who attacked a Nairobi shopping mall, Kenya's foreign minister said Monday. Huffington Post

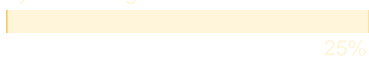
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POLL

Based on Wednesday night's election results, who can lay better claim to the soul of the national Republican Party?

A. Chris Christie. The Tea Party lost by double digits.



B. Rand Paul. The 10-11 margin of victory for Booker was not big enough.



[Older polls](#)

RESOURCES

Visit the PolitickerNJ.com/resources page for links to the best collection of information on New Jersey state government.

Princeton University to open offices in Beijing

Princeton University faculty and students conducting research in China will have a new support system beginning early next year,

Station linking River Line, Atlantic City to open in October

PENNSAUKEN The new \$40 million train station in Pennsauken is slated to open next month to link the River Line and the Atlantic City line. Inquirer

http://www.philly.com/philly/news/new_jersey/20...

N.J. hospitals changing to meet needs of Affordable Care Act

Each day, about a dozen employees gather at CentraState Healthcare System in Freehold Township to come up with a plan to ensure they don't see their patients again any time soon. Asbury Park Press

<http://www.app.com/article/20130924/NJNEWS2002/...>

Opinion

New law could jump-start Trenton development projects

With enactment of the Economic Development Act, Trenton could be in line for a modest revival of long-stalled development plans. The law signed last week by Gov. Chris Christie provides special incentives for development and job creation in Trenton. Trenton Times

<http://www.nj.com/times-opinion/index.ssf/2013/...>

Christie's pay hike diversion

Just weeks before Election Day, Gov. Chris Christie's re-election campaign is running a TV ad that paints his challenger as a typical tax-and-spend Democrat. The spot busts state Sen. Barbara Buono for voting to hike lawmakers' salaries, including her own, 13 years ago. Star-Ledger

