# A Weekly Electronic Newsletter on Politics in New JERSEY

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# Primaries to Watch

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## Who's Hot

John Basilone, Tony Bennett, Brendan Byrne, Mary Higgins Clark, Bull Halsey, Franco Harris, Leon Hess, Queen Latifah, Bucky Pizzarelli, Martha Stewart, Joe Theisman, John Travolta, and Bruce Willis

This year's entrants into the New Jersey Hall of Fame -- at NJ PAC on Sunday -are a Medal of Honor winner, a magnificent crooner, a former Governor, a novelist, the commender in the South Pacific during World War II, a Cont nu on

### Quote of the Week

One of our wags, noting that Steve Adubato Sr. had been inducted into the Essex County Democratic Hall of Fame, concluded that "If they had a Republican Hall of Fame, he'd be in there too."

**OVERVIEW.** There really are only two, perhaps three, races in which somebody could win off the line.

**DISTRICT 20 DEMOCRATS.** This is the lone district in which a wellfinanced full legislative ticket (Jerome Dunn, Tony Monteiro, and Carlos Cedeno) has launched a full scale onslaught against incumbents (Ray Lesniak, Joe Cryan, and Annette Quijano). The news for the last week has been all about the challengers' money, which a judge froze. Union County Assignment Judge Karen Cassidy unfroze one account and allowed the challengers to resume publication of a newspaper they've been using to attack the incumbents. Cassidy did not, however, unfreeze an account containing about \$150,000 from the proceeds of a dinner held a week ago. Monteiro said he'll lend the campaign the money to keep going. But the story doesn't end there. Democrats have pointed out that the Elizabeth Board of Education, from which much of the challengers' support comes, was a hotbed of support for the Governor in 2009. Former Board President Rafael Fajardo was a big supporter and served on the Governor's Education Task Force during the Transition. r called for an investigation into the t rBoard, and John Wisniewski echoed that sentiment. Reporters asked the Governor what he thought, and he sidestepped the question by saying that "prosecutors, not politicians," should make that determination.

**DISTRICT 25 REPUBLICANS.** Bill Chegwidden has been lambasting Tony Bucco Sr. and Jr. with questions about what work Bucco s's law partners do as members of Bucco p r 's legislative staff and about whether the Senator had anything to do with getting lots of municipal work for the Assemblyman's law firm. Then came a rehashing of a

included his Senate business Economic Development Dep interest loan to buy the Pater Bucco got the loan and subse

### The Gubernatorial Watch

TURF WAR. The Governor has a way of showing up in the most politically interesting places. There he was last week swearing in Felix Roque, who called him the "first Hispanic Governor of New Jersey," as West New York Mayor, while Albio Sires, who has never numbered the Governor among his closest friends, was doing the same for the other four commissioners. Governors, you say, do this sort of thing all the time. Well, Republican Governors don't do this sort of thing all the time -- at least not in Hudson County. Brian Stack brokered the Governor's initial meeting

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### **News Roundup**

#### **Tidbits**

Book of the Week: Gov rnor sounds a lot like a conversation with Dick Codey, which is, we suspect, precisely the tone the former (and last) SPAG was aiming for. We worried that the book might be merely a screed against Codey's enemies (read George Norcross and Steve Adubato Sr.), but very few pages are devoted to that subject. The rest is informative and serious without lapsing into solemnity. It's a great read.

Questions of the Week: Who leaked the Legislative Poll that had Cory Booker as the most popular pol in the state? Was it the same party who has been trying to persuade him to challenge Chris Christie in 2013?

**Event of the Week:** Eagleton's Morning After the primary -- on June 8 at 9AM -- will feature Dale Florio of Princeton Public Affairs Group, Darryl Isherwood of *potrnoo*, Assemblywoman Joan Quigley, and Jane Roh of *Courrost.* Associate Director John Weingart will be the moderator. Sign up in advance, because the event fills up quickly.

Celebration of the Week: Rider University's Rebovich Institute for New Jersey Politics will celebrate its 10th anniversary at Greenacres Country Club in Lawrenceville on June 10. The Institute will give its Leadership Award to the Governor, its Citizenship Award to Jim Florio, its legislative Award to Valerie Vainieri Huttle, and its Corporate Neighbor Award to Roma Bank represented by Pete Inverso.

Boldest Move of the Week: The executive board of Garden State Equality voted unanimously to withdraw its honors, at its annual gala on June 25, from AT&T, KPMG, and Pfizer because the three national corporations have seats on the Board of the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce, which has lobbied for a bill that would roll back legal protections for the members of the LGBT community in that state.

Shameless Self-Promotion of the Week: With this issue o t begins its 15th year of publication. Thank you.

## Winners and Losers

#### **Winner: Anne Murray Patterson**

The Supreme Court nominee's appearance before Judiciary was so compelling that even Loretta Weinberg, who was undecided, voted for her.

# Winners: Annette Quijano and Grace Spencer

The Assemblywomen were two of only 50 state legislators in the country to be chosen as participants in the State Legislative Leaders Foundation's Emerging Leaders Program that will take place in July at the University of Virginia's Darden Graduate School of Business Administration.

#### Winner: Alan Marcus

For its 40th anniversary the eponymous Marcus Group is donating its marketing and communications services to Cedar Grove's Little Kids Rock for one year and to six other non-profits for an individual project.

#### Winners: Ted Sherman & Josh Margolin

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