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'It's just a little setback'



Milwaukee Brewers prospect Frank Cairone plays catch on a backfield at American Family Fields of Phoenix on July 4. Cairone made his professional debut two days prior, completing his recovery from a serious off-season car accident.

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Months after serious car crash, man from South Jersey makes his debut with Brewers

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PHOENIX

It's a sweaty Arizona morning on the Fourth of July and rookie-level pitchers are unabashedly belting out Katy Perry lyrics while playing a chaotic game of catch with frisbees and Nerf footballs in the outfield at American Family Fields of Phoenix. • The hue of the grass is a faint green, a sure sign that beneath the blistering desert sun, baseball season has reached its dog days of summer. • This is where Frank Cairone is meant to be. • As Cairone chases down overthrown passes from teammates, it's a stark reminder of how far he's come in the last six months. It wasn't long ago that life was nothing like this for Cairone, who was forced to trade in bullpen sessions and a sizzling fastball for a hospital bed, doctors and questions if he would ever pitch again.

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SJ hotel rooms to convert to senior housing

Jim Walsh

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At a public hearing earlier this year, an Atlantic City hotel owner said "a great work force" had helped his property stay competitive despite years of financial stress.

"It's entirely because of our staff and how they're managed," Tom Scannapieco said after noting that his inn — the Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel — had been ranked highly by its parent firm and an organization of meeting planners.

"We make up in customer service what we can't provide in new carpet, new drapes, new furniture," he added during a land-use hearing of the Casino Reinvestment Development Authority. "And that's how we survived."

But Scannapieco said his 16-floor hotel simply wasn't viable, and he asked the CRDA to approve his plan to replace approximately half of its 500 rooms with 130 age-restricted homes.

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The Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel wants to turn half of its rooms into age-restricted housing.

PROVIDED BY CASINO REINVESTMENT DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Family mourns loss of teen fatally stabbed in Bridgeton

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Relatives of Jamar Byrd Jr. are asking for support after the 17-year-old died in a stabbing.

On June 30, Byrd was stabbed in the parking lot of the Ivy Square Apart-

ments in Bridgeton. A police investigation led to the arrest of Kavon Underwood-Palmer, 19, of Bridgeton in relation to the incident.

Underwood-Palmer allegedly brandished a knife, approached Byrd and stabbed him once. Bridgeton police arrived to find Byrd suffering from the stab wound, which proved to be fatal.

Underwood-Palmer has since been charged with murder, aggravated assault, possession of a weapon, unlawful possession of a weapon and tampering with physical evidence.

Charges against Underwood-Palmer are merely accusations. At this time no one has been convicted in the case.

Byrd was the oldest of seven children

and had just turned 17 a few weeks before the incident, according to a GoFundMe for Byrd.

His father, Jamar Byrd Sr., described him as "caring, loving and respectful."

Money given to the GoFundMe is to be used to help the Byrd family move to

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