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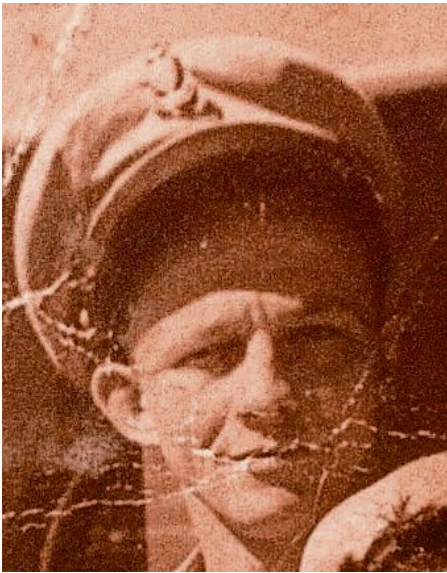
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Genetic genealogy cracks 1981 cold case



A forensic boot camp co-hosted by Ramapo College Investigative Genetic Genealogy Center with Australia's Centre for Forensic Science at the University of Technology Sydney helped identify a man found floating off the Atlantic City coast in May 1981 as Glen Burbage. PROVIDED BY RAMAPO COLLEGE



Glen Burbage of Charleston, South Carolina, went missing on a trip to Atlantic City in 1981. His disappearance remained a mystery until his remains were identified by members of Ramapo College's Investigative Genetic Genealogy Center in May. PROVIDED BY RAMAPO COLLEGE

Ramapo team identifies man found off Atlantic City coast

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MAHWAH – A mile off the Atlantic City shoreline, recreational boaters made a grim discovery on May 22, 1981: the body of a man floating in the ocean, with nothing that would give investigators his name.

For the next 45 years, his identity remained a mystery.

Now, advanced DNA analysis has answered the question. The man was Glen Napoleon Burbage, 59, a retired U.S. Coast Guard chief warrant officer from Charleston, South Carolina. His son said he disappeared after traveling to Atlantic City to meet his ship as a member of the U.S. Merchant Marine.

Burbage's identity was the most recently established by Ramapo College's Investigative Genetic Genealogy Center in collaboration with New Jersey State Police.

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The center is part of an emerging investigative field that uses consumer as well as criminal DNA databases to trace genetic genealogy using single nucleotide polymorphism, or SNP DNA testing. Previous Short Tandem Repeat or STR DNA testing had failed to produce any leads.

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Bill aims to shed light on LLC landlords

Backers say towns need better accountability

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TRENTON – Companies that have purchased homes with the benefit of anonymity would be required to disclose the identity of their biggest owner under a bill proposed by New Jersey lawmakers. The bill aimed at limited liability companies, or LLCs, is designed to make it easier for municipalities to enforce code violations. But it also would help the public answer an elusive question: Who is buying a growing percentage of homes in the state?

"The ownership by LLCs alone has grown dramatically," said Assemblyman Alex Sauickie, R-Ocean, and the bill's co-sponsor. "And then what the towns are finding is that they're not being rented out according to the ordinances within the municipality."

The bill requires LLCs that own residential real estate intended for rental purposes to disclose the registered agent of the company when filing a deed for recording. Co-sponsored in the Assembly by Yvonne Lopez, D-Middlesex, the legislation was approved by an Assembly committee on Oct. 5.

The idea isn't new. A version of the bill has been introduced for a decade, only to languish. During that time, the number of LLC-owned properties has proliferated. The Asbury Park Press found there were at least 72,000 LLCs that owned homes in New Jersey in 2022, up from 12,000 in 2012.

Business owners have several options to incorporate, but limited liability companies come with advantages. Among them: They don't get taxed on a corporate level; they allow businesses to avoid corporate formalities such as mandatory board meetings; they help shield individuals from liability; and they provide owners with anonymity,

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Black bear hunt's first segment begins Oct. 12

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As black bears are roaming farther in search of food ahead of winter, New Jersey is set to launch the first segment of its 2026 bear hunt, a six-day season that starts Oct. 12 in designated management zones.

The first segment of the hunt runs

through Oct. 17 in designated areas of the state, according to the state Department of Environmental Protection Fish & Wildlife division. Archery hunting will be permitted throughout the six days, while muzzleloader rifles may also be used during the final three days, from Oct. 15 through Oct. 17.

A second hunt is scheduled for Dec. 7

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Greg Honachefsky of Cape May, a technician with the New Jersey fish & wildlife division, takes a clipping of a black bear at the check-in station at the Whittingham Wildlife Management Area during a previous hunt. NORTHJERSEY.COM STAFF

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