



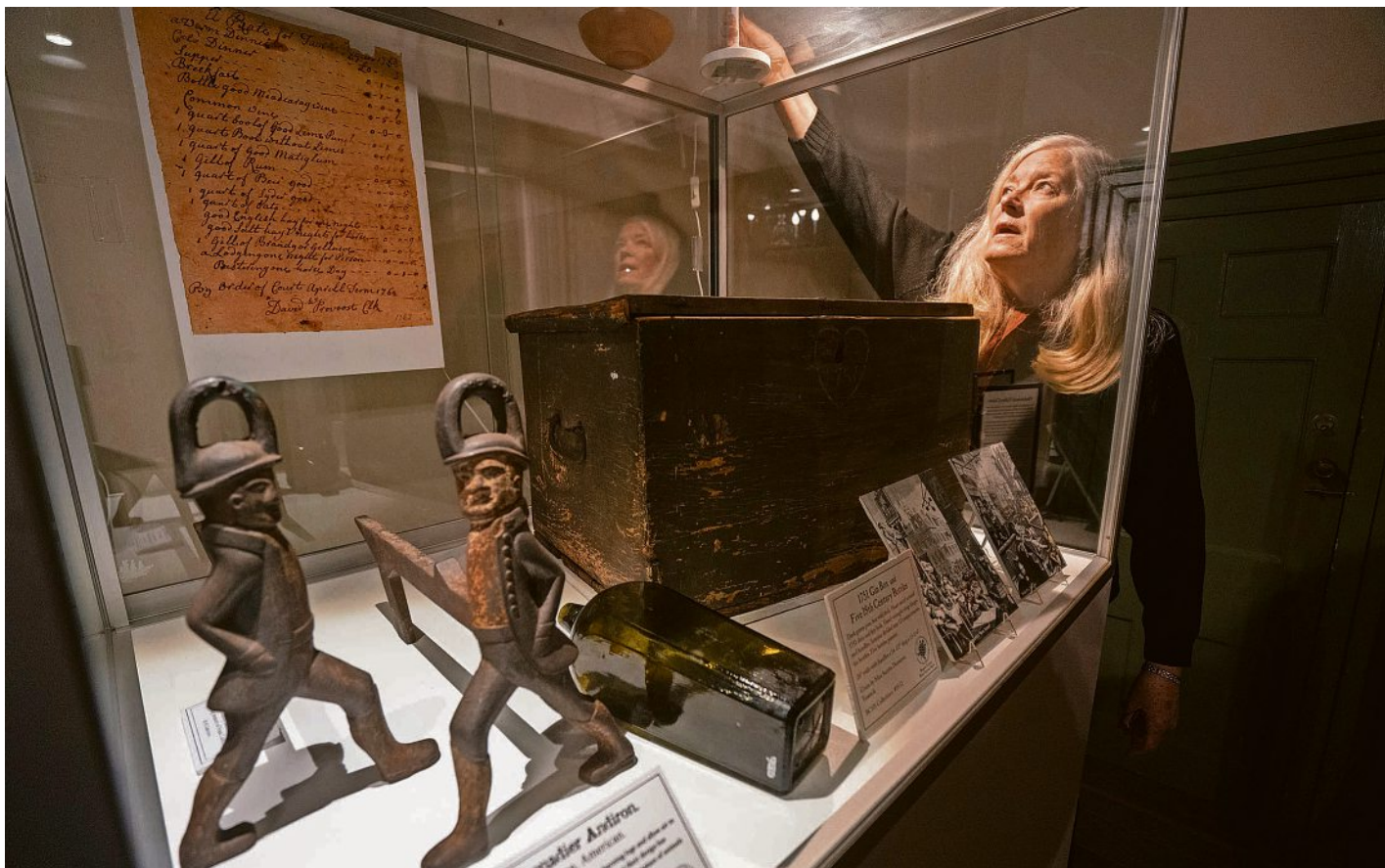
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Deborah Powell, past president of the Bergen County Historical Society, turns on a light for displayed artifacts at the Historic New Bridge Landing in River Edge. JULIAN LESHAY GUADALUPE/NORTHJERSEY.COM

Educator surrenders teaching certificate

Munguia accused of sex assault on student

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A former Carteret Middle School teacher has surrendered his New Jersey teaching certificate after being admitted into a pretrial intervention program on charges he sexually assaulted a student.

Jeffrey Munguia, 34, of North Bergen, agreed to relinquish his teaching license after Middlesex County Superior Court Judge Falguni Patel admitted him into the diversionary program on May 21. The

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Make-A-Wish NJ leader, former J&J CEO join Hall of Fame class

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A Make-A-Wish New Jersey leader, a longtime New Brunswick development executive, a former Johnson & Johnson CEO and former Gov. Christine Todd Whitman are among the members of the New Jersey Hall of Fame's Class of 2026.

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'SHOPPING MALL OF ITS DAY'

New Bridge Landing was one symbol of a very different NJ economy in 1776

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Can you imagine New Jersey and its economy without malls? Or huge warehouses? Or container ships? Or tractor-trailers barreling down the New Jersey Turnpike?

The Ports of Newark and Elizabeth brought in nearly 8.7 million units of cargo by ship in 2024, making it the third-busiest port in the United States. You can see the many cargo ships piled high with containers — and port cranes hulking over them like giant giraffes — as you drive along the Turnpike.

But 250 years ago — at the dawn of the United States' founding — North Jersey was instead a farming power-



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house, and commerce flowed out of a small wharf and mill complex along the Hackensack River in Bergen County, in present-day River Edge.

In 1776 the site — now called Historic New Bridge Landing — was a major thoroughfare of trade and navigation. It had the first bridge north of Newark Bay, and

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Ex-senator's wife seeks prison delay due to health

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Days before the wife of former U.S. Sen. Bob Menendez is scheduled to report to prison, her lawyers asked for a

four-month adjournment to "update the court" on her health.

Nadine Arslanian Menendez, the 59-year-old wife of the disgraced senator, who is already serving prison time, is scheduled to begin her sentence on July 10.

She was convicted in federal court in Manhattan as part of a wide-ranging corruption case that prosecutors said featured bribery, extortion and obstruction of justice in a multilevel scheme that involved trading envelopes of cash, gold bars and a new Mercedes-Benz for

official acts that benefited Qatar and Egypt.

Arslanian Menendez didn't stand trial with the other defendants in the case. Her trial was delayed because she

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