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HIS WARRIOR STORY BEGINS AT HOME



"American Ninja Warrior" competitor Nick Warren talks about how his sister Alex Warren, center, and mom, Stacy Mancuso, left, help and inspire him at their home in Doylestown on Aug. 6. DANIELLA HEMINGHAUS/BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

Bucks family powers teen's 'American Ninja Warrior' journey

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When he steps onto the "American Ninja Warrior" platform, Nick Warren's face displays determination and excitement. Behind that confidence is something the television cameras don't quite capture. Before his upcoming appearance in the 12th episode of the show's 18th sea-

son — set to air Aug. 24 at 8 p.m. on NBC — the 16-year-old Central Bucks East student from Plumsteadville admitted that he feels a bit nervous each time he prepares to run the obstacles laid out before him. Those nerves quickly fall to the way-side, however, reassured by the decade of rigorous training he's poured into the sport and the support he's received from family, particularly his mom, Stacy, and his 10-year-old sister, Alex. "It's meant the world to me. I truly

believe like without Alex's support, my family's support, I would have nowhere near been as confident as I was while I was up on the course," Nick said. "When they all tell me how confident they are in me and how much trust they have in me to go up and do this, it really pushes me over the edge to compete at my best performance and be like my best self." Through his sister, Nick said he's

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Unsealed wrongful death settlement released

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Newly unsealed court records show a private corrections health care contractor paid more than \$1 million to the family of a Bucks County inmate who died of opiate withdrawal complications. This amount is nearly double what was previously reported. PrimeCare Medical in Harrisburg settled its claims with the family of Frederick Adami four years ago. But its payout was kept secret until earlier this month, when a federal judge unsealed the documents. Those records showed that when combined with the \$625,000 settlement that the county commissioners approved, the family received \$2 million, the highest settlement payout for a wrongful death case in recent Bucks County memory. The agreement was released Aug. 5 after this news organization was successful in unsealing the federal court records with pro bono assistance from the Pennsylvania chapter of Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press and the Cornell Law School First Amendment Clinic. The Adami settlement was the fourth time since 2023 that the two organizations have assisted the Bucks County Courier Times in the release of PrimeCare wrongful death settlements. Heather Murray, First Amendment Clinic associate director, said the organization is glad to support the newspaper's efforts to report on wrongful death suits involving some of the state's "most vulnerable citizens." "How wrongful death suits against a government contractor resolve is of great public concern because government business is the public's business," said Murray, also managing attorney for the law school's Local



Adami

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Can Democrats control Pa. Senate for first time since 1994?

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This year's midterm elections will feature congressional races in Pennsylvania that are pegged to be close. They have drawn national interest, plenty of money and could decide which party controls the U.S. House of Representatives.

Down the ballot, however, are state Senate and House races that will decide which party controls the Pennsylvania General Assembly in Harrisburg. It is only natural that these swingy, purple-hued state and federal races will occur in somewhat overlapping areas. And given Pennsylvania's status as an electoral battleground, these races could turn out just as close as those for

Congress. "The majority of the U.S. House runs through Pennsylvania, so there are super-mobilized national forces coming in," Brit Crampsie, spokesperson for the Senate Democratic Campaign Committee, told USA TODAY Network Pennsylvania. "With competitive state House and Senate challenges, you'll see some up- and down-ballot motivation."

What is at stake in the Pa. state Senate races?

Republicans have controlled the state Senate since 1994. Democrats would have to wrest control back and win a Democratic trifecta — Senate, House and governor — to enact their

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