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Three area teams win state ice hockey titles

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THOUSANDS CLEAN UP AFTER LATEST FLOOD

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## Christie's budget would provide vouchers for low-income families



STAFF PHOTO: BOB KARP

Justin Redond finishes a finger painting Thursday at the Madison Day Care Center, which was taken over by Family Service of Morris County with financial help from United Way of Northern New Jersey.

# CHILD CARE CENTERS FEEL ECONOMIC PINCH

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Parents at the Madison Day Care Center were told late last year that they would have to find another place for their children. The center, where two dozen low-income parents leave their children while they work, had been losing money and was about to close.

Clely Aparacio, 32, a divorced mother of two from Madison who works as a transporter at Morristown Memorial Hospital and is working toward becoming a citizen, figured she might have to send her 5-year-old son to El Salvador to live with her sister.

"I looked at other day cares, and they were too expensive," she said, adding that she received a "Christmas gift" when Madison Day Care was saved in mid-December.

United Way of Northern New Jersey stepped in with an infusion of money, and Family Service of Morris County took over the center. Madison is one of 10 day care centers in Morris County receiving federal subsidies allocated by the state to pay a portion of the tuition for children of low-income families.

The near-closure highlighted troubles faced by child care centers around Morris County and

the state, especially those catering to low-income families. The heads of several centers reported last week that they have been losing clients as parents lose jobs and stay home with their children. They said some low-income parents lost government subsidies because their hours were cut, and they no longer meet the state's minimum requirement of a 30-hour work week to be eligible for such help.

An average of 250 child care centers have closed each year across the state since 2008, more than twice the number in 2007,

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## Japan struggles to ward off reactor disaster

DEATH TOLL CLIMBS  
Survivors lack food, water

By JAY ALABASTER and TODD PITMAN  
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SENDAI, Japan — The estimated death toll from Japan's disasters climbed past 10,000 Sunday as authorities raced to combat the threat of multiple nuclear reactor meltdowns and hundreds of thousands of people struggled to find food and water. The prime minister said it was the nation's worst crisis since World War II.

Nuclear plant operators

worked frantically to try to keep temperatures down in several reactors crippled by the earthquake and tsunami, wrecking at least two by dumping sea water into them in last-ditch efforts to avoid meltdowns. Officials warned of a second explosion but said it would not pose a health threat. More than 180,000 people have evacuated the area, and up to 160 may

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FAMILY REACHES OUT TO KIN, FRIENDS/A6



AP PHOTO

A woman sits on the rubble left by the earthquake-triggered tsunami in Ofunato, Iwate prefecture, Japan, on Sunday.

COMMUTING

## Red-light camera for Morris Twp. gets state's OK

No date set for installation

New Jersey has approved the location for what would be Morris County's first red-light camera: at the intersection of Columbia Road and Park Avenue in Morris Township.



Rob Jennings

If that sounds familiar, it's because the state Department of Transportation in

March 2009 approved Morris Township's original application to install red-light cameras about a half-mile away at Columbia Road and Normandy Parkway.

That camera was never installed. Mayor Scott Rosenbush said that accidents declined after the county realigned the intersection and changed

the signaling.

Amid speculation that Morris Township — the only Morris municipality among 25 in the state selected for New Jersey's five-year red-light camera pilot program — was having second thoughts about participating, local officials sought and received permission to swap intersections.

"We dragged our feet," Rosenbush said, "but we dragged our feet at the previous location for a good reason."

DOT spokesman Tim Greeley said on Thursday that Morris Township's revised application for red-light cameras at the intersection of Columbia

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## 5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW THIS WEEK

**DALAI LAMA'S ROLE:** The Dalai Lama (right) said he will start today to "de-volve" his authority as head of the Tibetan government-in-exile to a leader to be elected by exiles Sunday. The Dalai Lama will remain spiritual head of a branch of Buddhism. In language reminiscent of its Mao Zedong (spelled Mao Tse-tung until 1979) days, China called the move a trick by a "wolf in monk's robes."

**DEJA VU ALL OVER AGAIN:** Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. commander in Afghanistan, appears before the Senate Armed Services Committee Tuesday, his first testimony since taking over the Afghan command in July.

**SOUTHERN DISPUTE:** There's no argument that Wednesday is Andrew Jackson's 244th birthday. What is in question is where he was born, North Carolina or South Carolina — both claim Old Hickory as a native son. But it seems he was born in unsurveyed wilderness, and advocates for each side dismiss the meager evidence favoring one state over the other. Wouldn't the White House know? Its website lists Jackson's birthplace as "backwoods settlement in the Carolinas."

**SIGN OF SPRING:** Need proof that spring is finally within reach? The Spring CraftMorristown show — now in its 21st year — is back, and it's coming to



the Armory in Morristown this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. More than 150 artisans and crafters from around the country will display their work, including one-of-a-kind hand-crafted jewelry, fashions, furniture, artworks and more.

**FLOWERS IN SUSSEX:** The Springfest Flower and Garden Show also returns this weekend to the Sussex County Fairgrounds. Mas-

ter gardener Roger Swain of PBS's "The Victory Garden" makes a special appearance from 1 to 2 p.m. Sunday in the show's first Edible Gardens Symposium. Visitors can learn about garden design and cultivation, landscaping with ornamental edibles, espaliered fruit trees, herb gardens, edible flowers, heirloom tomatoes, critter control and mushroom-growing.

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