

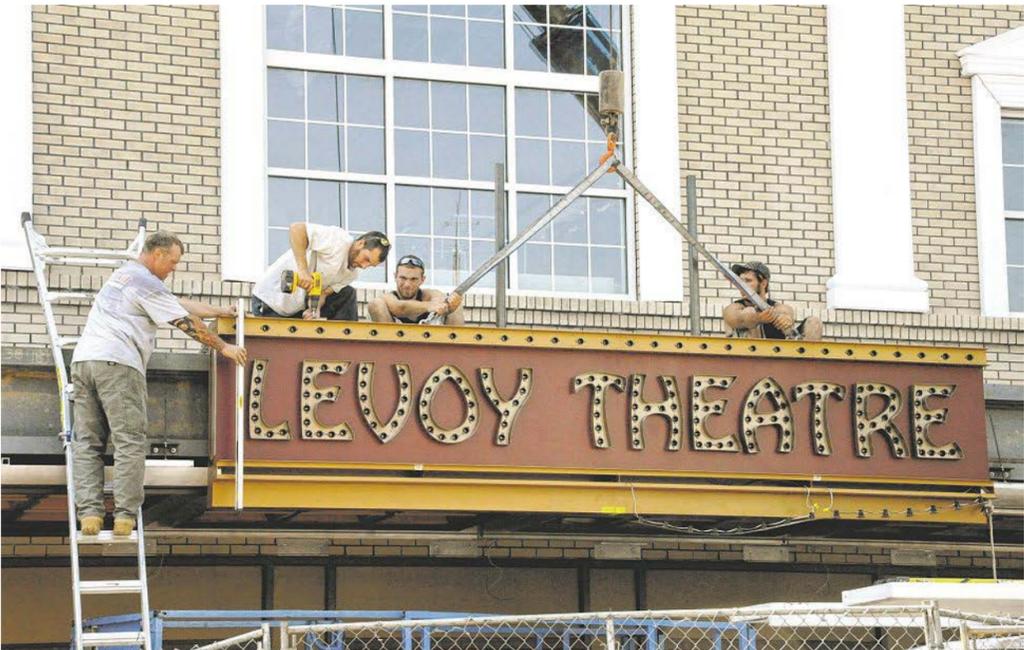


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Employees of Urban Sign and Crane in Vineland install a new marquee as construction of the Levoy Theatre in Millville continues on Thursday. STAFF PHOTO/CHARLES J. OLSON

Marquee moment for Levoy Theatre

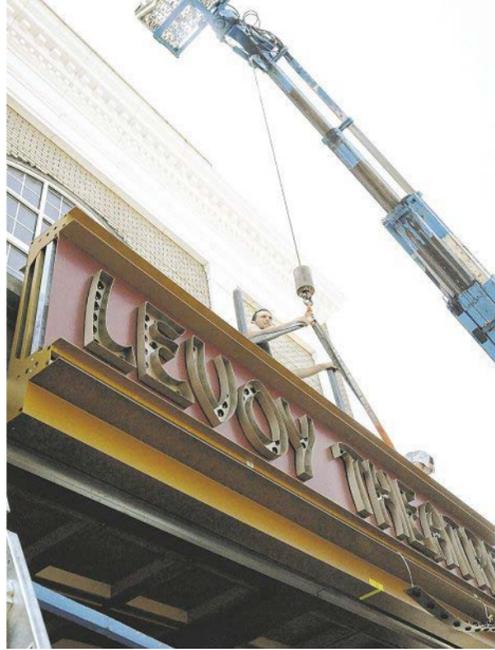
Officials: Construction on track for May 10 opening

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MILLVILLE — The Levoy Theatre is back in name as well as spirit. A crew from the firm Urban Sign hung the central panel of a newly completed marquee Thursday afternoon. The retro-design marquee panel bears "Levoy Theatre" displayed in a style passersby could have seen in the 1920s. The remaining panels are expected to go up today. The last time the theater was fronted by a marquee was May 5, 2009, when it was removed to allow renovations to start the following day. That marquee, added to the North High Street building in 1939, was in a different style than the new one. Phillip Van Embden, a

IF YOU GO
The Levoy Theatre, 126-130 N. High St., is scheduled to open Aug. 10 with the first of several performances of "The Music Man." The Off Broad Street Players will present the musical through that weekend.
A list of upcoming shows and tickets are available on the theater's website, www.levoy-net.net.

director of the Levoy Theatre Preservation Society, was outside the theater with a camera when a crane unexpectedly started to lift the central panel



Kyle O'Neill, an employee of Urban Sign and Crane in Vineland, helps install a new marquee on the Levoy Theatre in Millville on Thursday. STAFF PHOTO/CHARLES J. OLSON

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Vineland car dealer indicted in tax fraud

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Nicholas Bidic

VINELAND — A state grand jury indicted a former used car dealer Thursday on charges he filed false tax returns and failed to turn over more than \$1.2 million in sale taxes he collected from customers.

Nicholas Bidic, 38, of Deerfield and his company Bidic LLC — which operated as Bidic Autolines — were charged in a five-count indictment obtained by the state Division of Criminal Justice Financial and Computer Crimes Bureau. The company, which announced it was going out of business in late 2010, had operated four car dealerships in Cumberland and Gloucester counties. Bidic was not in custody Thursday following the indictment, according to a spokesman for the state Attorney General's Office. A message left on Bidic's cellphone was not returned Thursday afternoon.

Bidic and his company are charged with filing false or fraudulent quarterly tax returns for the first quarter of 2008 through the second quarter of 2010, and with failing to file a return for the third quarter of 2010.

He and the company also were charged with purposely failing to turn over sales taxes, filing false or fraudulent sales tax returns and failing to file sales tax returns. Nicholas Bidic also was charged with misconduct by a corporate official.

The investigation was conducted by the state's Division of Taxation, Division of Criminal Justice, and Motor Vehicle Commission.

Authorities said their investigations revealed

Bidic collected \$1,237,269 in sales taxes from car buyers that he purposely failed to turn over to the state. The sales occurred between April 2008 and January 2011, officials said.

The state executed search warrants and seized sales records Oct. 19, 2010, at Bidic's two Vineland dealerships, on South Delsea Drive and East Chestnut Avenue, and his dealerships in Bridgeton and Williamstown.

State officials said sales records revealed Bidic's net sales were roughly double the amount reported on the sales tax returns he filed with the New Jersey Division of Taxation.

"This car dealer allegedly doctored his tax records and returns to conceal the fact that he made off with over \$1.2 million in sales taxes that he owed the state," Attorney General Jeffrey S. Chiesa said.

The state said it has dedicated additional resources to prosecute tax fraud cases.

"Working with special agents in the Division of Taxation, we are aggressively targeting tax cheats," said Stephen J. Taylor, director of the Division of Criminal Justice.

The state said it intends to continue its investigation and prosecute Bidic.

"Those who seek to enrich themselves through tax evasion should know

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VHS on the move

School prepares campus for return to split student body

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VINELAND — The center lobby of Vineland High School 11-12 has the ambience of a luggage claim area.

Among the baggage, a plastic wrapped rack of world literature text books labeled "Move to South Bldg" await their final destination.

Yet again, the VHS staff and the school district's maintenance department are spending their summer working on a reconfiguration of the two high school buildings. A Sept. 5 deadline looms.

After four years as two



Computers were moved from the North building to South building as Matt Baxter of maintenance carries a few of them. STAFF PHOTO/ CRAIG MATTHEWS

separate buildings housing grades 9 to 12, the schools are splitting up the grades: 9 and 10 will be in the North building, 11 and 12 in the South.

The shift is going smoothly thanks to lessons learned from the past, according to Wayne Weaver, the district's buildings and grounds supervisor. Of the 80 classrooms in each building, about two dozen

classrooms in each building are moving, he said.

The focus is on getting educational materials — like those world literature books — into the proper classrooms, Weaver said.

This time, moving furniture is not part of the switch, a decision designed to keep the project

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UNITED STATES	18	9	10		37
CHINA	18	11	5		34
JAPAN	2	6	11		19

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