

## EDITORIALS

# Hits and misses

**HIT:** \$360,000 willed to **WWFM** — The Classical Network, run by Mercer County Community College. The bequests include \$260,000 from the estate of Victoria Mastrobuono of Bay Head and \$100,000 from the estate of Ruth Miles of Newtown, Pa.

**MISS:** The 5.55-cent increase in the Ewing municipal tax rate called for in a spending plan delivered by Mayor Jack Ball to members of council 34 days after the state deadline for its submission had passed.

**HIT:** Manning vs. Manning when the Giants and Colts meet tomorrow. Aside from the matchup of brothers Eli and Peyton, Star Ledger columnist Steve Politi pointed out, "This is a football game between two very good teams and recent Super Bowl winners."

**MISS:** The Census finding that one in seven Americans is poor, the highest rate since 1994.

**HIT:** The opening of Princeton University's estimated \$278 million chemistry building. The university's proceeds from the development of Alimta — a blockbuster cancer drug — financed the modern glass-and-steel structure called Frick Chemistry Laboratory.

**MISS:** Even with a constant influx of newcomers, New Jersey had a net loss of nearly 304,000

residents throughout the eight-year-period between 2000 and 2008. Those who left took combined annual incomes of \$12.3 billion with them to other states, according to figures accessed through a database launched Thursday by the Tax Foundation, a policy research group in Washington, D.C. that advocates for lower taxes.

**HIT:** The Trenton International Jazz and Blues Festival at eight downtown venues this weekend. Ticket prices and schedules can be found online at [tjbf.com](http://tjbf.com) or by calling (800) 975-2811.

**MISS:** The convoluted detour from Route 130 south to The Shoppes at Hamilton on the northbound side, which many merchants blame for their economic woes. They say they are caught between the developer, who promised that a jughandle access to the shopping center would be built by this summer; the township, which says that the state owns the highway and has sole jurisdiction for improvement; and the state, which says it is up to the township to get the ball rolling on this.

**HIT:** The Dow Jones industrial average rallying throughout the month of September.

**MISS:** A \$3 million fine and the loss of two draft picks, including a first-rounder, for the New Jersey Devils for signing

Ilya Kovalchuk to a 17-year, \$102 million contract that circumvented the NHL's salary cap.

**HIT:** Kevin Sbraga, who has been top chef at the acclaimed Rat's Restaurant in Hamilton for more than a year, getting the nod on the national level this week when he was named the winner of "Top Chef DC" on the Bravo Network.

