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Little Silver Mayor Bob Neff and Red Bank Mayor Pasquale "Pat" Menna dressed as Grinches and danced at a Holiday Express concert to fulfill a bet over the Red Bank Regional and Rumson-Fair Haven state championship football game.

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RED BANK - They were cuddly as cactus and as charming as eel, but the mayors of Little Silver and Red Bank just didn't stink, stank, stunk enough to be the real Grinches.

Mayors Bob Neff of Little Silver and Pasquale "Pat" Menna of Red Bank made good on their losing bets over the state football championship between Red Bank and Rumson-Fair Haven regional high schools.

The "Battle to Ridge Road" ended in a victory for the RFH Bulldogs earlier this month. So the mayors suited up in green Grinch costumes Thursday night at the Holiday Express show at Count Basie Theatre in Red Bank.



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"I think we ended up as the winners here," said Neff, after he and Menna exited the stage where they danced with the sweetness of seasick crocodiles.

Initially, Neff agreed to be the mayor to dress as the Grinch from a pool of Menna and Shrewsbury Mayor Don Burden. But Menna also agreed to dress up for the cause.

To clear up the confusion of multiple Grinches, Holiday Express founder Tim McLoone revealed the mayors as "imposters." The "real" Grinch — a regular Holiday Express volunteer dressed as the Dr. Seuss character — plucked the costume heads off the mayors to reveal their true identity to the sold out show.



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The bet began earlier this month when Neff playing Red Bank and Rumson-Fair Haven football teams would once again be playing each other. The high schools, both of which are on Ridge Road in Rumson and Little Silver, used to play each other regularly before the schools ended up in different conferences.

So Neff suggested the bet with Holiday Express as the beneficiary to Burden, Menna, Fair Haven Mayor Ben Lucarelli and Rumson Mayor John Ek Dahl, whose towns send students to the two schools. The mayors also made an undisclosed donation to the nonprofit, which delivers music, food, gifts, financial support and friendship to thousands of people in need each year between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

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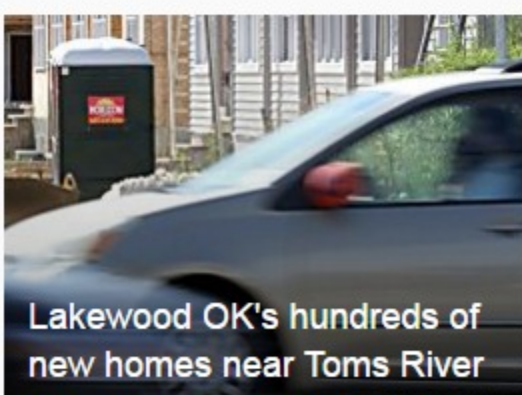
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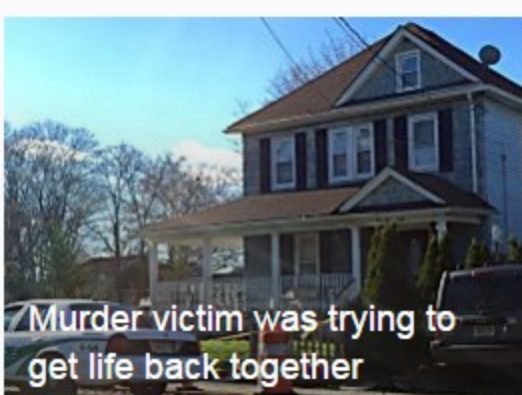
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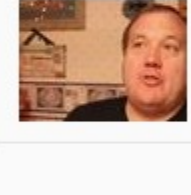
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