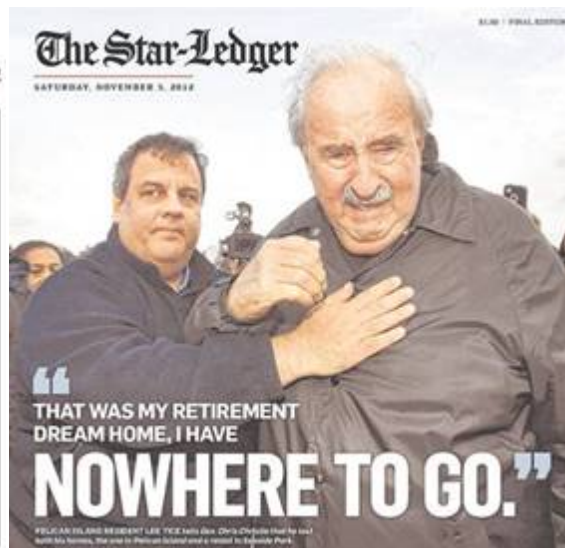


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Netanyahu touts Israel's similarities with NJ at meeting with Governor Chris Christie

Prime minister says Arab Spring being painted green by 'Islamists, not environmentalists'

By HENK KLEIN

Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey, a man mentioned as a possible Republican vice-presidential candidate, met Monday with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and said it was only natural Israel would be his first foreign destination as governor.

"This is my first visit abroad as governor and there was never any question of where we would arrive first, so I'm glad we did," Christie said before the meeting. He was elected governor in November 2010.

Netanyahu welcomed Christie with a line likely to become fodder for US late night comedians, saying, "You know, there are so many similarities between New Jersey and Israel."

"We're roughly the same size," Netanyahu said. "We're roughly the same population. I know your voters have better neighbors. Other than that,

there are several similarities and I look forward to discussing how we can increase the cooperation."

Soon after Netanyahu made his comment, prominent US political journalist and blogger Ben Smith tweeted: "Other things New Jersey and Israel have in common: Beaches, obsessive politicians."

Christie endorsed Republican candidate Mitt Romney in October, ending months of speculation that he himself might enter the 2012 presidential race.

Christie arrived in Israel Monday for a visit titled as "Jersey in Jerusalem: Economic Growth, Diplomacy, Christianity," accompanied by his family and a delegation of 18 business and Jewish leaders. Among them was Dan Senor, co-author of the popular book *Start-Up Nation: The Story of Israel's Economic Miracle*.

The four-day visit to Israel is being seen by some as Christie's way of putting



GOVERNOR CHRIS CHRISTIE of New Jersey stands with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu yesterday. (AP)

himself on the national political map. He will be home until Thursday, when he will travel to Jordan for a meeting with

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In Ewing, Christie calls to end homelessness



Gov. Chris Christie and a homeless woman in Ewing, N.J., as he calls for an end to homelessness in the state. (AP Photo/Phil S. Johnston)

Executive order creates state council

Gov. Chris Christie has signed an executive order creating a state council to advise him on issues related to homelessness. The council will be made up of representatives from various state agencies and community organizations. Christie said the council will help him develop a comprehensive plan to address homelessness in New Jersey.

The executive order also directs the state's Department of Human Services to lead the effort to reduce homelessness. Christie said the state will aim to reduce homelessness by 25 percent by the end of 2013.

2012 REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

'Leadership matters'

Christie says politicians must tell "hard truths."



Gov. Christie takes the stage for a keynote speech at the Republican National Convention. (Associated Press photo by Scott Geller)

By Matt Rye
PHILADELPHIA — Gov. Chris Christie, speaking at the opening of the Republican National Convention, urged politicians to tell "hard truths" and to stand up for the people. He said the convention was a chance for the party to show the world that it was still the party of the people. Christie said he was proud to be a part of the party and that he would continue to work for the people of New Jersey. He also said that he would continue to work for the people of the United States.

ELECTION 2012

CHRISTIE: DO WHAT IS RIGHT

Governor's call to stand up when it counts brings cheering crowd to its feet. First-term Jersey Republican presents corner, upbraiding an model for the nation.

Excitement high for Christie as he states his case for re-election.



T
he crowd at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia was on its feet for Gov. Chris Christie's keynote speech. The governor, who is running for re-election, urged the crowd to stand up and do what is right. He said that he was proud to be a part of the party and that he would continue to work for the people of New Jersey. He also said that he would continue to work for the people of the United States.

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During tour of Revel, Christie asks to see The Boss

■ The governor is a huge fan of Bruce Springsteen and wants him to perform on Labor Day weekend.

By HOA NGUYEN
Staff Writer

Gov. Chris Christie put out a public appeal to Bruce Springsteen on Tuesday, asking that the rocker spend Labor Day weekend playing at the new Revel casino.

"I would make a direct plea to Bruce right now," said Christie, who is well-known for his affinity for the rocker's music. "Labor Day weekend at Revel for Bruce Springsteen would be an incredible show of support for his home state." The governor made the remarks dur-

ing a tour of Revel on Tuesday morning. The \$2.4 billion megaresort is set to hold a soft opening Monday and then formally open to the public for Memorial Day weekend, when Beyoncé is scheduled to perform.

"I think (Springsteen) has missed out on the opportunity to open this place because Beyoncé has picked up on the mantle," Christie said, adding other opportunities exist for Springsteen. "He has to do something for the fall ... so cut out Labor Day weekend and come here."

Revel also has booked the pop-rock band Maroon 5 for a May 18 show and the garage-rock duo The Black Keys on May 19.

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Gov. Chris Christie meets Revel workers lined up Tuesday at the main entrance during a tour of the new resort, which opens Monday. (Staff photo by Danny O'Neil)

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Christie forging bonds, building image in Israel



It started raining for a moment, and Governor Christie and his wife, Mary, were caught in a sudden shower. But the rain did not dampen the mood of the governor and his wife as they walked through the streets of Jerusalem.

Despite denials, trip bolsters national profile

Gov. Christie's trip to Israel, which began last week, is expected to bolster his national profile, despite his denials that he is running for president. Christie, 50, is the first governor to visit Israel since 1993. He is expected to meet with President Obama and other officials during his trip. Christie's trip to Israel is part of a larger effort to build relationships with the Jewish community in the United States. Christie's trip to Israel is part of a larger effort to build relationships with the Jewish community in the United States.

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Christie's star rises in Israel

Trade tour pays political dividends

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Romney easily takes Ill. primary

Rep. party showed for new president by winning in the state's caucus and in the caucus in Illinois.

Christie pushes merger plan

Legislation to merge the two state banks, the New York State Bank and the New York State Thruway Authority, is expected to pass the state legislature.

Pa. looks larger now for Santorum

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives is expected to pass a resolution supporting Santorum's bid for the Republican nomination.

Red-hot Knicks rout Raptors, B1
Eagles acquire Texans LB Ryans, B5

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EDUCATION HIGH-FIVE FROM THE GOVERNOR



Christie firm on Ruggie-Rowan merger

Gov. Christie is expected to sign a bill that would merge the Ruggie and Rowan schools. The bill is expected to pass the state legislature.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The state is expected to announce a list of college scholarships for students who are residents of the state.

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CHRISTIE LAUDS INITIATIVES DURING VISIT TO CENTER



Gov. Chris Christie (right) interacts with children at the National Guard Army on Delora Drive in Vineland on Thursday. Christie was accompanied by his wife, Maryanne, and their children, Christopher and Sophia. Christie was also joined by his daughter, Sophia, and his son, Christopher. Christie was also joined by his daughter, Sophia, and his son, Christopher. Christie was also joined by his daughter, Sophia, and his son, Christopher.

State roundup nets 27 arrests

By Bob Jordan

New Jersey authorities have arrested 27 people, including the 16-year-old son of a state trooper, in a roundup of drug offenders. The arrests were part of a statewide effort to crack down on drug trafficking and distribution. The roundup was part of a larger effort to combat drug trafficking and distribution. The roundup was part of a larger effort to combat drug trafficking and distribution.

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Christie and his wife, Maryanne, were seen at the Vineland National Guard Army on Thursday. Christie was also joined by his daughter, Sophia, and his son, Christopher. Christie was also joined by his daughter, Sophia, and his son, Christopher.

"What's here at the Hispanic Mission is... it's they make miracles happen. And if you are privileged enough to watch a miracle actually happen, it affects your life. And it's always affected me."



Christie offers details for treatment program of drug offenders

Gov. Chris Christie announced details for a new treatment program for drug offenders. The program is designed to help offenders get back on their feet and avoid future legal issues. The program is designed to help offenders get back on their feet and avoid future legal issues. The program is designed to help offenders get back on their feet and avoid future legal issues.

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Gov. Chris Christie (right) interacts with a young boy at the town hall meeting at the National Guard Army on Delora Drive in Vineland on Thursday. Christie was accompanied by his wife, Maryanne, and their children, Christopher and Sophia. Christie was also joined by his daughter, Sophia, and his son, Christopher.

Respectful, diverse audience for governor

By Deborah M. Marks

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VINELAND — A crowd, motivated by both cause and curiosity, gathered at the New Jersey National Guard Army on Thursday afternoon eager to participate in Gov. Chris Christie's first Cumberland County town hall meeting. "I'm just here as an observer, a spectator," said Jay Blumberg of Vineland, making his way in with no pot-down or security search. He wanted to

see the tough-talking state leader in person and, he warned, "At 76, I'm not impressed easily." About 400 people pressed inside the armory, and about the same number were turned away due to space constraints, with Vineland Fire Chief Robert Puglisi keeping his eye on fire code regulations. Even Christie said he was taken back by the public's enthusiasm when told during the drive down that a line was forming more than 90

minutes before his scheduled arrival. The governor arrived about 30 minutes late, but the crowd was forgiving, greeting him with thunderous applause. Christie touted his plans for education reform and the economy. Then, he noticed someone at the glass front door who didn't make it in. "There's a kid waving at me," Christie said. "We've got to let him in." Joshua Galen, 6, of

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At town hall, teacher opens up to kinder, gentler Christie

By Jenna Portnoy

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"I'm scared to death to talk to you," the woman said. "Why?" Gov. Chris Christie asked. "Because you scare me," she said, prompting laughter from the crowd. What a difference a week makes. At a town hall meeting in Roanoke last week, a former Navy SEAL repeatedly interrupted the

governor with a message he didn't like: Students at Rutgers-Camden don't want the campus taken over by Rowan University. The result was a defiant Christie calling Bill Brown, an erstwhile Democratic Assembly candidate, an "idiot" that will live in YouTube infamy. But yesterday, at his first town

hall since the heated exchange, Christie was more than happy to entertain the woman, who identified herself as a second-grade teacher, when she spoke up as he answered her question. He even instructed his staff to give her back the microphone so the audience in Kearny could hear her better.

The difference was apparently in her demeanor. Instead of challenging Christie, the woman, who did not give her name, implored the governor and the state's largest teachers union, of which she said she is a member, to "find a way to work together." "I'm a teacher who loves her job and I love my kids," she said. "I just wish our dialogue could become a dialogue, an open and honest

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