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## U.S. airstrikes bombard Islamic State town PAGE A4



**COLLEGE FOOTBALL**  
**Ohio State rolls by Rutgers**  
J.T. Barrett completed his first nine passes, ran for 107 yards and two touchdowns and threw for three more scores to lead No. 13 Ohio State past Rutgers 56-17 on Saturday.  
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### HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP

## Residents 'stand up to PennEast' pipeline

By **Brielle Urechol**

*Times of Trenton*  
Farmers, residents, local officials and environmental activists stood in a 125-foot line Saturday in Hopewell Township to mark the width of the land that must be cleared for the proposed PennEast natural gas pipeline that would cut through the township.

"It seems to be targeting open space and land. Taxpayer money goes to preserve this land," said Patty Cronheim, lead coordinator for Hopewell Township Citizens Against the PennEast Pipeline.

Cronheim was among about 100 people at the "Stand up to PennEast" protest at Baldwin Lake State Wildlife Management area Saturday.

"It just cuts a big, destructive corridor through all this land," said Katherine Dresdner, an environmental lawyer working against PennEast. "The zoning in Hopewell is designed to keep things like this out of here."

The \$1 billion PennEast pipeline project would span more than 100 miles from northwest

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## TRENTON'S UNSOLVED HOMICIDES LEAVE FAMILIES TO GRIEVE IN FRUSTRATION

# 'I want them to see my tears'



Regina Thompson-Jenkins wipes away a tear at the funeral of her son Tre'Devon Lane. FILE PHOTO

Those who've lost loved ones to violence say the tragedy is compounded by the pain of knowing their killers are still on the streets. In the past two years alone, 31 homicides remain unsolved in the city, but law enforcement authorities say they are committed to seeing that the cases are solved and justice is served.

By **Keith Brown**

*Times of Trenton*  
Regina Thompson-Jenkins shut the door on her teenage son's room two years ago and she hasn't been inside since.

Everything inside is exactly the way Tre'Devon Lane, 19, left it before he was shot to death on Sept. 22, 2012. Inside lives the memory of a college student just beginning to realize his potential. "I feel like I was robbed. And I can't get that back," said Thompson-Jenkins, a Trenton middle school teacher. "Sometimes my mind is overwhelmed because I don't want to forget anything. I don't have anything else."

That door at the top of the stairs isn't supposed to be closed.

**"Somebody somewhere knows something. Somebody knows."**

—Morris Bookal, father of Cornelius Bookal

**"Sometimes my mind is overwhelmed because I don't want to forget anything. I don't have anything else."**

—Regina Thompson-Jenkins, mother of Tre'Devon Lane

Lane isn't supposed to be dead. And surely his killers aren't supposed to be walking around free, Thompson-Jenkins said last week.

She is among the dozens of mothers, fathers and family members in Trenton grieving the slaying of a loved one while wondering if justice will ever be served. In the last two years alone, 31 homicides remain unsolved in the city.

There has not been a homicide in Trenton since July 30 — a relative period of calm following 23 killings to start the year. Of those, 13 remain unsolved. In 2013, a year with a record 37

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Tre'Devon Lane, 19, and three others were on the porch of Lane's grandmother's home on New Willow Street about 3 a.m. on a Saturday in September 2012 when the porch was sprayed with bullets. Two men with hoodies partially obscuring their faces emerged from the darkness and opened fire.



Cornelius Bookal, 21, was shot to death on Bryn Mawr Avenue on April 11, 2013. He was inside the car his parents had just bought him earlier that year to commute to his classes at Mercer County Community College.

### BY THE NUMBERS

## Homicides in Trenton

**0**  
Number of killings since July 30.

**23**  
Number of killings prior to July 30.

**13**  
Number of killings committed this year that remain unsolved.

**37**  
Number of killings in 2013.

**18**  
Number of killings committed in 2013 that remain unsolved, according to the Mercer County Prosecutor's Office.

Anyone with information on any homicide is encouraged to call the Homicide Task Force at (609) 869-6406 or the confidential tip line at (609) 989-3663.



Monument School fifth-graders Natalie Proctor and Rudy Jaques carry in supplies. The Apple a Day program provides food children can take home. MICHAEL MANCUSO/TIMES OF TRENTON

### TRENTON

## Apple a Day provides food for students in need

By **Jenna Pizzi**

*Times of Trenton*

For some Trenton students, free breakfast and lunch programs at school are their main source of a healthy meal during weekdays.

The Apple a Day program run by Union Baptist Church in Trenton seeks to fill the nutritional gap after school and on weekends by providing students in need with food to bring home.

"Our parents who need some type of assistance, they are able to get it," said Deborah Giddens-Green, the principal at Monument School, one of the first schools in the district to begin participating in the program about five years ago. Union Baptist Church is down the block from Monument, and the church now offers the program at five schools in the district, feeding between five and 50

students at each school. "We rely on nurses of the parent liaison or the principal to reach out to the teachers to say, 'Are you noticing anything that a student may need help?'" said Patricia Melvin, who coordinates the program for Union Baptist Church. Melvin said the program started at Monument School when a school nurse noticed that students were coming into the office complaining

of stomachaches. "They were complaining that they didn't feel well, when in actuality they were actually suffering because they were coming to school malnourished," Melvin said. The school nurse then reached out to Union Baptist Church, and the idea for the program was formed. "I think hunger is one of the major things that is

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**Today's Weather**  
Windy and cooler with some sun today. Breezy early; partly cloudy and chilly tonight. High: 54°. Low: 36°. Forecast, Page A2

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