

"That is the story. Do you think there is any way of making them believe it?" (Plato, 380BC)

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## SKI MASK LAW ENACTED Restrictions Irk Some

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Target of Legislation

Wednesday night, in a contentious midnight session, the State Legislature passed Senate Bill 331, otherwise known as the "Ski Mask Statutes".

In spite of intense lobbying from the ski mask industry, the vote was 52 to 6 to adopt rules that require that ski masks be removed before entering a public place, including banks, convenience stores, and all municipal and state offices.

"This is bad law", complained Lance Rodsome, sole proprietor of Rocky Coast Gear, a major manufacturer of cold weather clothing.

"It's an obvious case of prior restraint of trade, and negatively impacts consumer choice", said Haley Sleight, top legal gun and partner at Pincus and Glockfern.

[see *Bad Idea...*, Page A5]

## HELL IS HERE!... NOW! Says Addled Bus Rider

By Marston Tidwell  
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Emergency psychiatric personnel at Bergen General Hospital reported admitting a raving naked man Thursday night who spun a wild tale to explain his agitation.

Quaintsville resident Clay Ruppenbargher alleges that after falling asleep on the bus home from work, he awoke sitting in a strange park. When he approached a picnicking family and asked where he was, they replied that he was in a place called East Hell, and gave him directions to Quaintsville, which apparently was only a hazy short ride away.

The father of the family he spoke to

## SUICIDE BY CHOCOLATE

### Local Man Ends It All, Bedlam Ensues

By Embo Flemmeron  
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North Bergen Bureau\_\_\_While a muttering mob milled outside his office, in a highly publicized ritual, a North Bergen man downed a lethal dose of hot cocoa, and minutes later was rushed to Mercy Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 11:22 a.m. Thursday.

Stanley Steerline, a popular North Bergen High School science teacher and part-time WUSY Radio disk jockey, was allergic to chocolate, but against his doctor's advice, had decided to tempt fate and test a home remedy that supposedly had the ability to render him immune from the negative and poisonous effects.

When the potion didn't work as advertised, the crowd of friends and students that had gathered left the scene in a rage, smashing windows and vandalizing businesses, among them the See's Candy on Third Street. The entire store inventory was carried into the street and burned in a towering gasoline soaked bonfire.

"They were completely nuts", explained North Bergen Police Chief Harley Dove.

was "dressed as Satan", Ruppenbargher said, adamant about what he had seen.

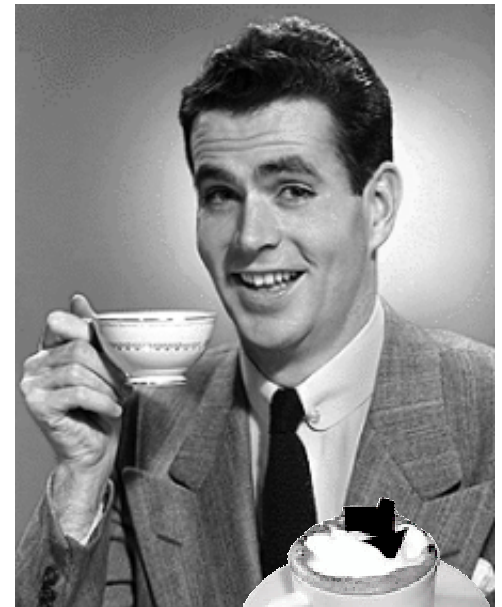
Dr. Hans Fleiderer, resident ER, described Ruppenbargher's condition as "Post traumatic stress related, perhaps because of a bump to the head".

[see *No Sleeping on the Bus*, Page A14]



Satan and Family at Park

Story Reenactment courtesy Bruce Lobrow



Steerline in undated Photo.

The Deadly Brew

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### OBITUARY

#### Marvin Li, Karate Accountant

He was Jet Li's brother and agent. Never interested in sport, only wanted to keep the books. **A21**