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ief: A matter of training

lacked experience in prostitution arrests. his boss says

An alleged prostitute was arrest-ed recently in Middlesex Town-ship by an undercover officer, but not until both the officer and the woman were naked and in bed.

"It was one of his first arrests in that type situation and he wasn't quite sure what was happening. That has been rectified."



An affidavit of probable cause filed by Middlesex Township Police stated the officer stoped the woman before she could perthe woman before she could perform a sex act, but how far is to all only time before that," Middlesex far for police when they are trying

man said about the arrest details. The incident is being handled as an internal matter with no disciplinary action being taken, according to Sherman. However, he said the officer was undergoing added training.

"I had meetings with him," he said. "I guess to say it was one of his first arrests in that type situation and he wasn't quite sure what was happening. That has been rectified."

Prostitution arrests are new to

Prostitution arrests are rare in Cumberland County. This was

only the 12th case since 2010 to be filed in the county to include so-licitation, attempt or prostitution and only the second in Middlesex Township, according to a search of court records conducted by The Sentinel.

Policy

Sherman clarified his depart-nent's policy on these kinds farrests.

Whenever they agree on the

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Grand Dame restored

Renovated Molly Pitcher opens new chapter as senior apartments

Tyler Miles The Sentinel

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CARLISLE — It's human nature to take things for granted when they become a part of daily life, but what about ordinary conveniences like wall-to-wall carpet, not having to worry over the potential of a break-in and taking a shower comfortably?

For the first time in a long time, Thomas Baker has found solace in the building that once housed the Molly Pitcher Fenior Apartments.

A ribbon-cutting event was held at Molly Pitcher in Carlisle Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. symbolizing the completion of the second and final \$2.5 million redevelopment project rehabilitating the fourth and fifth floors into six one-bedroom units. Two of the units are specially designed to meet the needs of the mobility impaired.

Baker has lived there since May after living in an unsafe area along West Street in the

May after living in an unsafe area along West Street in the borough. Prior to that, he said

borough. First or latt, ne sand he was homeless for six years. Requiring the use of a walk-er, Baker ambled to a podium in Molly Pitcher's lounge area where officials involved in the grand opening set up to explain the process and give thanks. Baker captivated those in atten-



Jason Malmont, The S

The Historic Molly Pitcher Senior Apartments in Carlisle celebrated the official grand opening of Phase II, which added eight more affordable low-income unites for senior citizens. Cutting the rin from left, Jeff Gayman, Senior Vice President for Orrstown Bank; Rebecca Peace, chief council for Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency; Stephen Landis, president of Cumbertand Senior Housing Associates: Thomas Baker, resident; Ben Laudermilich, executive director Cumbertand County Housing and Redevelopment Authorities, Linda Cecconello, Carlisle Borough Council member; an Kerry Kirkland, central regional director for Pennsylvania Department of Community and Econom Development.

Molly Pitcher Senior Apartments: http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=4xjM06p7CmA

dance and urged tears to fall as three times, he said. With attendese listened to his story.
That apartment on West
Street had been broken into Baker said he'd fall "at least

once every day."

He said he never had a sense of security before living at Molly Pitcher. Even a task as mundane as showering, due to his physical impediment, was very dangerous.

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A new fly-fishing presence in Boiling Springs

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What is going into the old fly and tackle shop in Boil-ing Springs?
Anglers will once again be able to purchase their fly-fishing gear in a familiar location.
The Yellow Breeches Outfit-ters, located near Children's Lake in Rolling Springs. closed

ters, located near Children's Lake in Boiling Springs, closed for business in February, but the shop is expected to reopen in March as TCO Fly Shop, according to the company's Facebook page.

TCO is a Pennsylvania-based fly-fishing rod and fly-fishing real "super store and outfittler" that was founded in 1990, according TCO's wabeits

cording TCO's website.

The Boiling Springs location will make the fourth retail shop for the brand. There are current-ly Pennsylvania stores in West



Lawn, Bryn Mawr and State College, as well as an online store, which can be accessed by visiting www.tcotlyfishing.com.

The company is currently working to restore the building that has become a landmark sitting on the edge of Children's Lake.

"It is important that we respect the founding anglers of the sport and do our part to recreate the birthplace of fly fishing," President of TCO Fly Shop, Tony Cehman, said in a written statement. "The plan is to restore the building back to its state from the mid 1950s when it had been converted from a dance hall. It's critical that this building becomes something that the town



The former Yellow Breeches Outfitters is currently being rea

of Boiling Springs and all that have played a part there can be proud of Likewise, it should become a place where people that love the outdoors will want to "Spendtime."

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Theaters to take precautions

Lightsabers, masks may not be allowed for 'Star Wars' screenings

Mike Parker abc27 News

When Midstate movie theaters premiere "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" this week, security policies will vary.
At the Twin Valley Players Colonade Theater in Millersburg, the 7 p.m. "Star Wars" showing on Thursday night is already sold out, and tickets for the 10 p.m. showing are eoing fast.

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"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said Adam Steppy, general manager of the 142-seat Heater, "the opportunity to see Star Wars, I mean, 10 he able to say to people, you saw it opening night, you saw it opening night, you saw it before everyone else."

Steppy is sexpecting a large crowd Thursday when the theater will host a premier party featuring fully costumed "Star Wars" characters from the 501st Legion club and giveaways from a local radio station.
"It's not just for those who have tickets on Thursday night," Steppy added. "It's for everybody added." It's for everybody mants to be part of the fun or maybe has tickets for later in the week."

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A sweet treat for the holidays

The Creason family tradition of baking has mostly focused more on cakes and pies.
Cookies often fell under the radar. My immediate family is admittedly more of a "left's use the boxed ingredients" kind of bakers, and cookies posed more a problem in this area. While frozen pie crusts, prepared graham cracker crusts and cake ingredients could be modified or impredients were simply too sugary for a family who tends to slash sugar amounts specified in the recipe. And yet, somehow, this sweet concording was both.

The coconut macaroons were a

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United we stand

Business booms for master of 'Star Wars' lightsaber

Johnson Lai and Tassanee Vejpongsa Associated Press

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TAIPEI, Taiwan — This is not your father's light-saber, Luke. This is not the weapon of a Jedt Knight, but the handcrafted replica of a Taiwanese man who disliked the official "Star Wars" products, started making his own blades and now sells them for up to \$400 each.

It's a booming business for Tsai Jung-chou, enough for him to quit his optical engineering job three years ago and make models of the iconic sci-fi weapon full-time. He says his mailbox is flooded with orders from fans around the world.

The 32-year-old says his model, a metal hilt attached to a glowing polycarbonate tube, is the brightest and strongest on the martand strongest on



ket, strong enough to use in gentle duels. He even offers to replace or fix those that break immock combat. And while it won't cut metal, his lightsaber cer-tainly sounds like the real thing when it's turned on, with a motion-sensor soundboard that generates the humming and buzzing

heard in the movies.

Producing a realistic replica of the fictional weapon was a decade-long quest for the Tsai, who is better known by his alias Mako-to Tsai.

He was smitten when he first saw "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones" in 2002. But he was sore-

ly disappointed with the lightsaber he bought from the franchise. The light was dim and the blade seemed wimpy. So he decided to build his own. He enrolled in an optical engineering school at a Taiwanese university and asked professors for advice. "I was just a student. I didn't have lots of money," he said. "So I thought I should just make one myself because I like to make things myself anyway."

because I like to make things myself anyway?"
Each model takes two to three days to finish, Tsai says. Prices range from \$200 to \$400 for the top models. In the days leading up to the premier of the newest installment, "Star Wars: The Force Awakens," Tsai hung out with his friends dressed in Star Wars character costumes — and was

Cookies

staple purchase for a while until we tried our hand at our own, considerably less expensive option. It's one of the few "from-scatch" recipes for cookies that we have, and it somehow appealed to me though cocomit had never held much of an interest before. Considering the ingredients below, the macaroon can be a sweetness overload. Though not in the recipe, I would suggest the possibility of melting some bittersweet chocolate and dipping the cooled cookies to make half-chocolate cocomit macaroons. It may offset the powerful cocomit part and make it a little more palatable to those like my family who want something a little less sweet. The good part about this recipe, though, is that family members pouncing on the dessert table will not be able to eat more than two of these filling cookies without regretting what's on their plate. It should leave more for the rest of the family.

Ingredients

Direction

Preheat the oven at 325 degrees. Put the coconut, milk and vanilla extract into a large bowl and strogether. Whip the egg whites and salt together at high speed until they make medium firm peaks. This will be important so the ingredients you put on the pan do not get too runny or start leaking across the parchment paper during the first few minutes of baking. Once both mixtures are ready, carefully fold the egg whites into the coconut mixture. Add about 1/3 in at a time and try not to stir — otherwise the eggs will loss their fluffiness. Add the rest and keep folding. Place parchment paper on a cookle sheet (or likely two given the amount). Put spoonfuls of the coconut

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• 14 oz. of sweetend condensedmik
• 1 teaspoon of pure
vanilla extract

• 2 large egg whites at room temperature
• 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt

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While the Colonnade encourages moviegoers to wear full costumes, other large movie chains are restricting certain items. According to a statement from AMC Theaters, "Put on your costume, bring your lightsaber, turn it off during the movie, and leave the blaster, face paint and Darth Vader mask at home."

The Regal Entertainment Group notes: "guests of all ages with masks, props, face paint or weapons are not allowed into Regal Entertainment Group locations. This includes lightsabers and face-obscuring hoods." At the Colonnade, Steppy says he'll rely on the vigilance of moviegoers to report anything suspicious, and he says the local police department will have a presence during the premier party. He also says his small

town theater welcomes anyone but knows most of the tickets so far have been sold to "regulars" who are well-known to theater staff.

"We don't expect issues," said Steppy, who says his intimate theater offers a place where Star Wars moviegoers will get a true fan's experience while watching the film. "And you saw it sitting next to C-3PO and Chewbacca. That's the kind of thing we want."

Restored.

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"This place, to me, is a palace and I am by far one of the most blessed people in the city of Carlisles' he said. "I don't ever want to move again. I've finally found a place I can call home. "It's been a long time." Now, baker has carpeting throughout his apartment, safety bars along his bath-room walls allowing him to

take showers "comfortably" for the first time, and the feeling of security.

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Finished product

Ben Laudermilch, executive director of the Cumber-land County Housing and Redevelopment Authority, said that in terms of the project and the finished project, "I think we did the right thing."

Improvements made to

the building include a parking area and ramp to the rear entrance, several specially-equipped mobility units with lowered sink and counter areas; bathrooms of each unit, and a pull cord has been installed with a direct connection to emergency responders. Sprinkler systems operate throughout the units and common areas and an elevator provides service to each floor.

thank you speech and wel-comed those in attendance to Molly Pitcher for the ribbon-cutting and a tour of build-

cutting and a tour of build-ing, speaking about the scope of the project and crediting those responsible for helping move it along throughout the 10 year construction phase. "There was a little bit of pain in this," he said, refer-ring to the residents need-ing to be moved into tem-

orary housing during

porary housing during portions of the renovations. "It's very painful what you all went through." The second phase, consisting of that 10-year period of construction, followed the first phase, which was completed in December 2007 following a \$33-million redevelopment project launched by the Authority in 2001 to purchase the historiestructure.

Now, units are available to seniors age 62 or older — up to two in a one-bedroom unit, a maximum of four for two-bedroom units, with rent based on a scale formulated using the county median income level lated using the county, and dian income level. Tyler Miles is a news re-porter for The Sentinel cover-ing Carlisle and the health section. Follow him on Twitter @SentinelMiles or email him at tmiles@cumberlink.com.

Training.

money and the act, that's when it ends," he said. "If she says \$150 for oral sex, that's all you need to do ... Pretty much none you make the deal with somebody, it's pretty much once you make the deal with somebody, it's pretty much once you for largerstown, Maryland, was charged with criminal solicitation of prostitution and promoting prostitution and promoting prostitution and promoting prostitution and promoting prostitution according to court records. Both charges carry different elements to prove.

Solicitation is considered an inchoate, or in-complete, crime, according to Carisles attorney Jay Abom, of 'The Law Firm of Abom Kutulakis.

"The solicitation is in the words or actions, you are trying entice somebody to encourage somebody to engage in conduct that would be a crime," he explained, speaking on general juris-prudence.

Prudence.
For a solicitation charge, like solicitation of prostitution, the commission of the crime being sought is not required.
A charge like promoting prostitution does require the criminal act or substantial steps toward the commission of the crime, according to Abom.

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"If you take enough substantial steps toward the commission of a crime but you don't actually commit it ... the maximum possible punishment can be the same as if you had committed the crime," Abom said.

Case history In a 1980 case, Co



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wealth of Pennsylvania V. Danko, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court held that there is no need for an officer to engage in sexual activity to meet the burden of a prostitution charge. However, Abom said what constitutes a substantial step is based on the facts of each individual case.

"Substantial step depends on the case," he said." If somebody, for example, is intending to commit the crime of prostitution is putching an ad up enough? Or, do you need to meet someone at a hotel? Is that enough? Or, do you actually have to say the words?"
While Abom did not speak on the facts or merits of the case at hand, he noted a defendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct in the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct are deefendant can use police conduct are defended to the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct are defended to the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct are defended to the arrest as a deefendant can use police conduct are defended to the arrest as deefendant can use police conduct are defended to the arrest as deefendant can use police conduct are defended to the arrest as deefendant can use police conduct are defended to the arrest and the arrest as deefendant can use police conduct are defended to the arrest as a deefendant are defended to the arrest as a deefendant and use are defended to the arrest as a deefendant and use are defended to the arrest as a deefendant and use are dee

police conduct is so outra-geous."

The need for police to de-velop relationships and trust to thwart criminal activity and what is seen as outra-geous government behav-ior can be a fine line to walk, Abom said.
"It seems to me that peo-ple who are engaging in criminal activity have their guards up? he said. "I think it's a very fine line of con-duct that earns the trust of a potential criminal and be-coming outrageous. .. If the officer shows up with-out knowing the intent of the other person and says, 'you're under arrest,' it would be a more difficult case to prosecute."

ase to prosecute." Hoffman has been re leased from Cumb County Prison on \$25,000 bail and is currently await-ing a preliminary hearing.





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