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extended
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Report
The Pulse-Journal has extended the deadline for the M. Cox Jr. Education Scholarship Program. The new deadline is Monday, Dec. 8. The scholarship has been established to allow Cox papers to recognize and encourage bright and talented college students who have demonstrated an interest in a media career. The award extends to a variety of fields of the media business (editorial, production, marketing, account-circulation, etc.) previously demonstrated through internships, work on student publications or other campus activities, or by some other means. A secondary objective

Mumbai massacre hits home for area rabbi

Yosef Kalmanson lost friends, Gavriel and Rivka Holtzberg, during the siege.

By Denise G. Callahan
Staff Writer

The massacre in Mumbai last week has hit home in Deerfield Twp.

Rabbi Yosef Kalmanson, founder of the Jewish Discovery Center, has known Gavriel Holtzberg's family for more than 20 years, and was a colleague of the slain rabbi and his wife, Rivka.

The couple's son Moshe escaped from the Chabad House in Mumbai with his caregiver.

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They lived and died as exemplars of the Jewish people," Kalmanson said this week. "Two bright lights have been extinguished and on that very evening, their 2-year-old son Moshe marked his second birthday."

During the entire siege, Kalmanson was receiving first-hand accounts of the activities in Mumbai through an e-mail network with 4,000 Jewish centers across the

globe.

Holtzberg tried to contact the Israeli Consulate in India but was not able to complete a sentence, Kalmanson said. Later on, a Washington, D.C., Chabad representative, using the rabbi's cell phone, reached one of the terrorists. A language barrier prohibited any negotiations. Once they got an interpreter on site stateside, the terrorists asked to speak to what

would be the equivalent to a chief of police in Mumbai, he said. The Chabad representative learned that person also had been killed in the attacks. Once they reached a deputy and reconnected with the terrorists, Holtzberg's cell phone battery had died, Kalmanson said.

Kalmanson said the rabbi's final act was one of faith.

"Apparently the rabbi was the last one to die," he said. "We can't confirm that 1,000 percent, but it seems apparent because he had wrapped the other bodies in prayer shawls, which is customary in the Jewish faith. He did that while obviously injured and while obviously dying, he did that for the others, his body was not covered."

E-mails have been flowing in over network from people

the Holtzbergs touched and Kalmanson said they have inspired others to follow in their footsteps.

"We are of course saddened by the whole thing but we have a very strong philosophy that in the face of adversity we will fight back and come back stronger," he said. "In the line of work that we do, our definition of fighting is increasing acts of goodness and kindness. A terrible darkness has engulfed us with this incident, so we increase acts of goodness and kindness, thereby increasing light and dispelling this darkness. That will be the best revenge we can have to these terrorists, who are attempting to eradicate the goodness in the world."

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Economic initiative could help Wilmington

By John Nolan

three years in Ohio's logistics hub, and Chicago. In support of the initiative, the state is investing \$100 million in infrastructure improvements in the region.

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