

Gilmore to attend Sundance summit

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HAMILTON -- Mayor Glen D. Gilmore has been invited to attend an environmental summit hosted by Academy Award winner Robert Redford at the actor's Sundance Preserve in Utah.

The summit is to be hosted by Redford, Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson, and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, an association of local governments committed to environmentally sustainable communities.

The three-day invitation-only summit will be held tomorrow through Tuesday and will focus on issues of climate protection. Gilmore, who received a scholarship to attend the summit, will be one of 31 mayors from throughout the country to attend.

The mayor said he was likely chosen for the event because of Hamilton's recent designation as only the third "Green Town USA" in the state. The Green Town designation is awarded to townships for environmental leadership.

Since taking office, Gilmore has championed several environmental initiatives, including ordering the use of cleaner burning "bio-fuels" in township trucks, preservation of farmland, and applying for federal funding to install solar panels on township buildings. Water system is cleaned

at geriatric center HAMILTON -- The process of removing Legionnaires' disease-causing bacteria from the hot- water system at the Mercer County Geriatric Center continued yesterday, as chlorine was poured into the system.

County spokeswoman Julie Willmot said that bacteria-killing chlorine was added to the building's pipes early yesterday morning. The county decided to clean the system after tests were positive for the bacteria for the second time in a month.

However, while most of the hot- water samples tested positive in October, only three samples were positive after the system was chlorinated for the first time.

The first round of tests were ordered after a 79-year-old resident of the center contracted Legionnaires' disease. She has recovered.

Willmot said that if everything goes according to plan, the hot water should be turned on this afternoon.

State officials said that follow- up tests often show that some bacteria is still in the system, so it is possible that the county will have to repeat the process again, Willmot said. Four teenagers charged

with attempted robbery WILLINGBORO -- An 18-year-old Willingboro man and three teenage boys were charged Thursday with attempting to rob a man and woman Wednesday night.

The victims, a 47-year-old woman and a 42-year-old man, both from Willingboro, told

police they were approached from behind at 11:49 p.m. on John F. Kennedy Way near Harrison Drive on Wednesday by a group of people wielding a gun, police said. The group tried to rob the couple at gunpoint but they had no valuables and were not hurt. Police began searching the area for suspects and arrested the four teenagers a short time later at John F. Kennedy Way near Garrett Lane. A replica pellet handgun was found nearby and the victims identified the group as the robbers, police said.

Willingboro residents Pierre Shepard of Pensdale Lane, a 17-year-old from Winsor Park and a 17-year-old from Millbrook Park were charged with robbery, conspiracy and weapons offenses. A third 17-year-old from Maple Shade also faces the same charges.

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