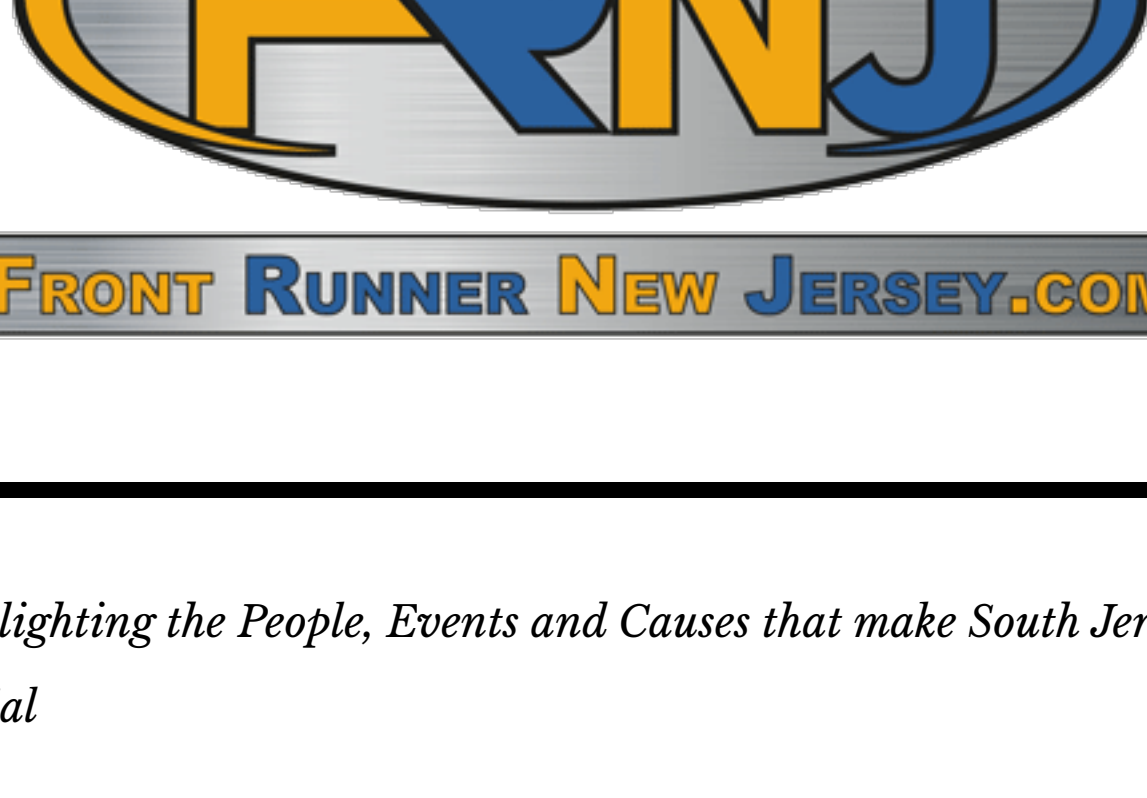




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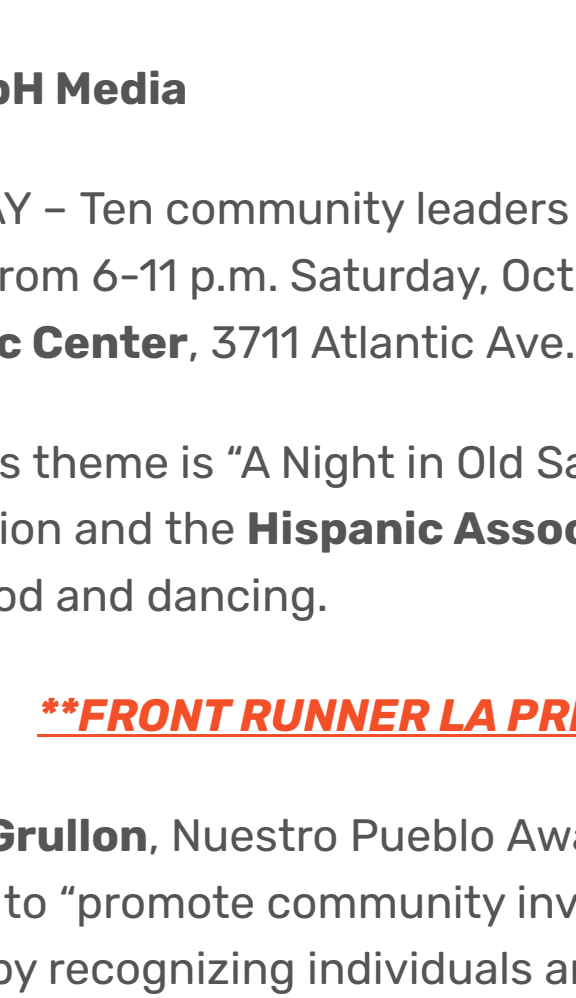
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Feature Photo of Mike Lopez, best known as AC Mike, media personality at WOND Radio and one of the Nuestro Pueblo winners.

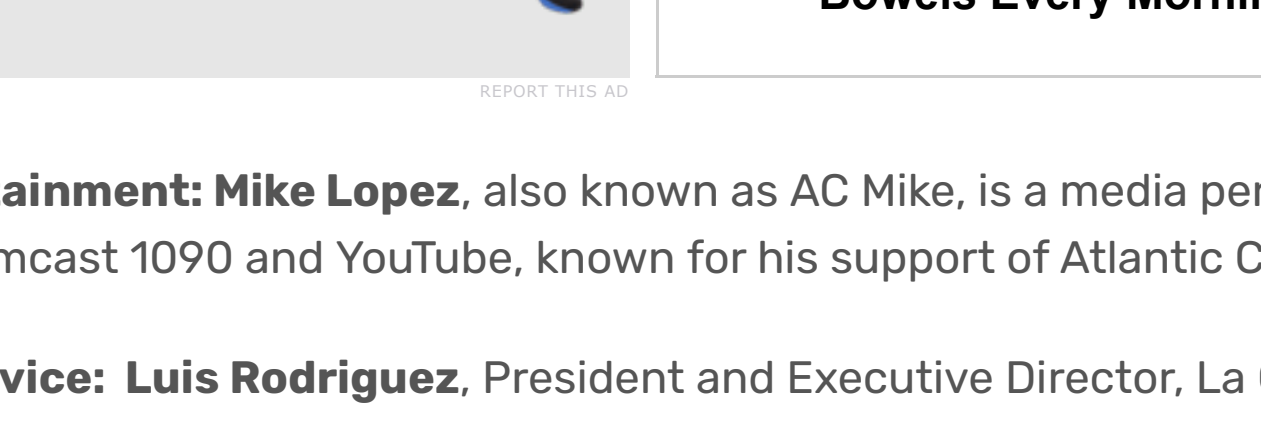
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GALLOWAY – Ten community leaders will receive recognition at the **2021 Nuestro Pueblo Awards** from 6-11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at the **Stockton Atlantic City John F. Scarpa Academic Center**, 3711 Atlantic Ave.

This year's theme is "A Night in Old San Juan." It is sponsored by the **Stockton Unidos** organization and the **Hispanic Association of Atlantic County (HAAC)**. It will also include music, food and dancing.

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Jessica Grullon, Nuestro Pueblo Awards planning committee chair, said the event is designed to "promote community involvement and advancement of our Hispanic cultural heritage by recognizing individuals and/or organizations that are making a difference in 'nuestro pueblo' – our community."



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This year's honorees are:

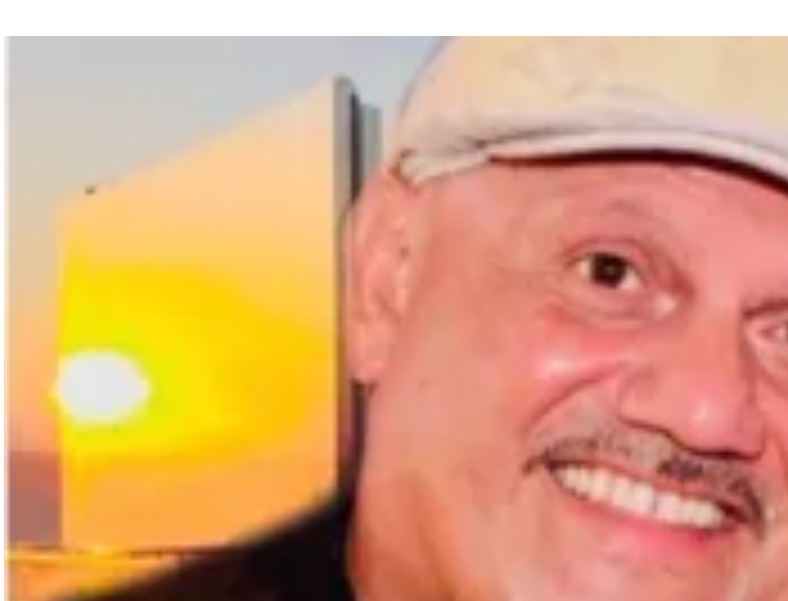
Future Leader Award: Jetzaly Medina of Atlantic City, Stockton University Engelberg Scholar award recipient.

STEM: Kirby Ortiz, Stockton University Information Technology Services, has worked with the Latino community during the pandemic to assist with accessing online learning and virtual platforms.

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Arts and Entertainment: Mike Lopez, also known as AC Mike, is a media personality on WOND Radio, Comcast 1090 and YouTube, known for his support of Atlantic City.

Community Service: Luis Rodriguez, President and Executive Director, La Casa Dominicana of Nueva Jersey.

Education: Yasnaya Lorick, teacher at Sovereign Avenue School, community activist and foster parent.

Entrepreneurship: Elvis Cadavid, Co-owner, Vagabond Kitchen & Tap House, which has awarded scholarships through Vagabond Charities.

Healthcare: Jenny Hernandez, AtlantiCare employee and co-chair of AtlantiCare Latinos Moving Forward (ALMA) has worked to vaccinate Hispanic residents.

Nuestro "Amigo/a": David Vinokurov, Senior Customer Outreach Specialist at South Jersey Gas.

Organizational "Amigo/a": Atlantic Cape Community College for its vaccination work during the pandemic at the Atlantic City Megasite and other community outreach programs.

Public Service: Lt. Wilber Santiago, Atlantic City Police Department, first Latino lieutenant in the department and Commander of the Neighborhood Coordination Unit, he also served as executive director of the Atlantic City Police Athletic League from 2014-19.



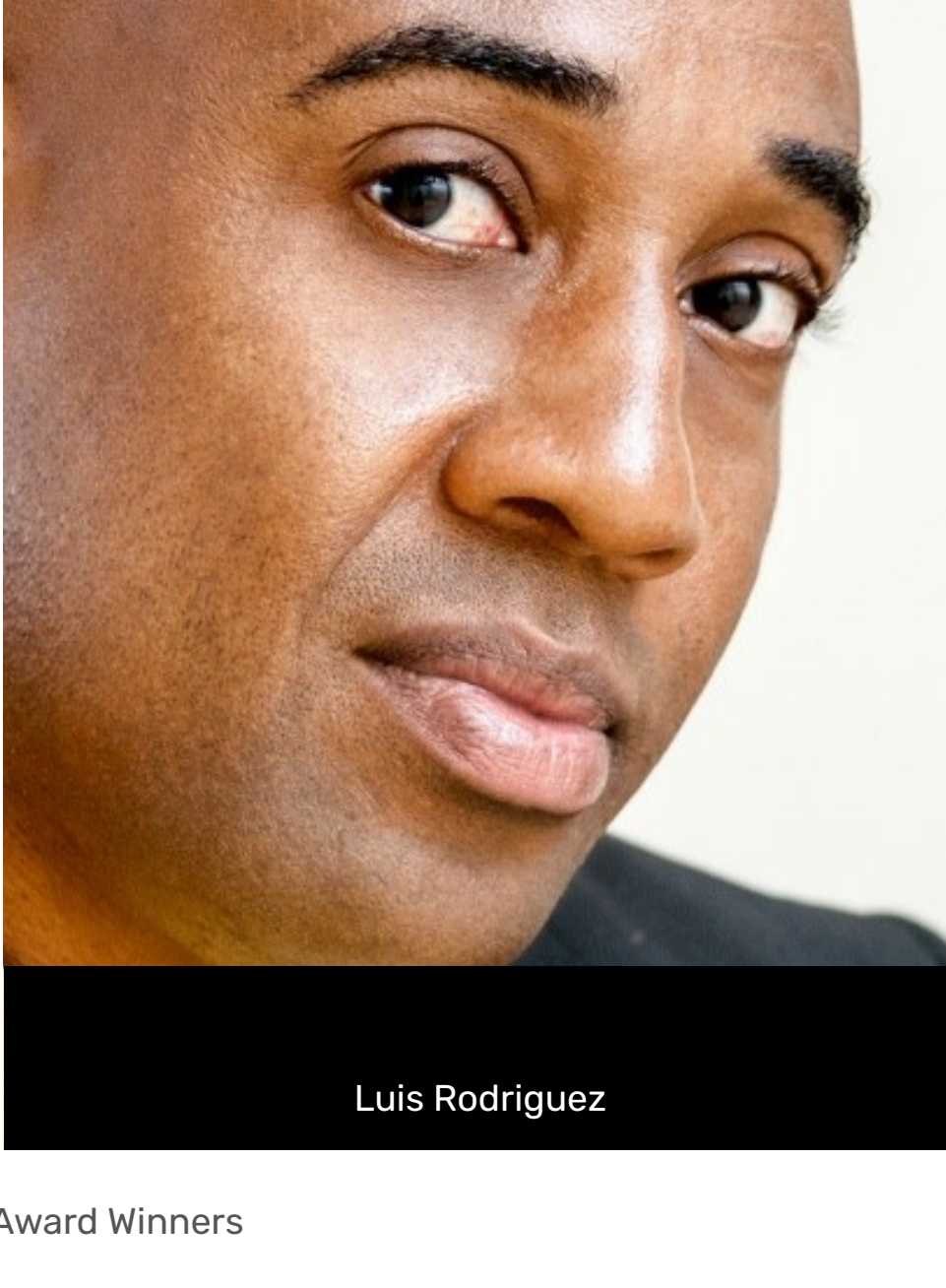
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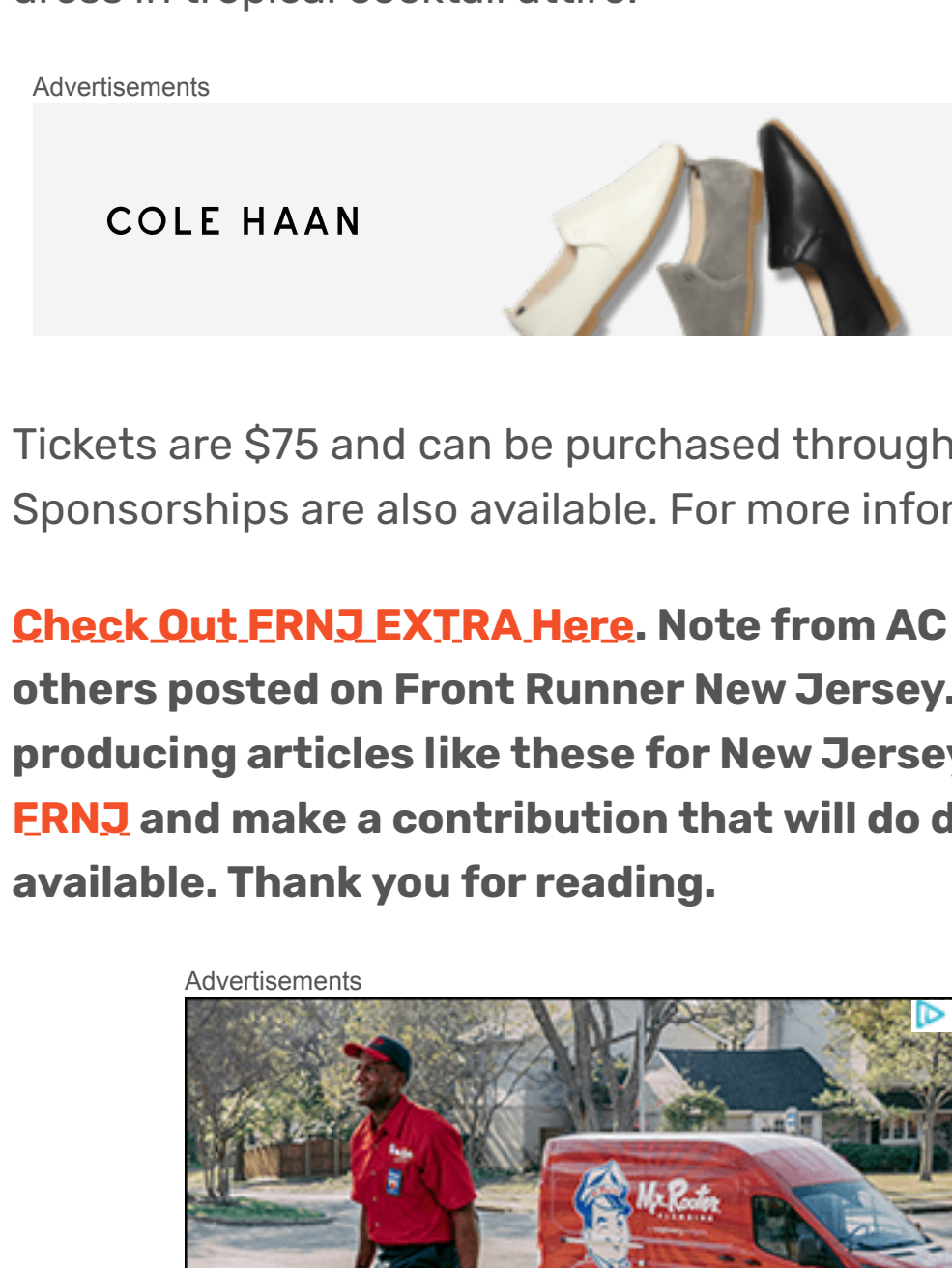
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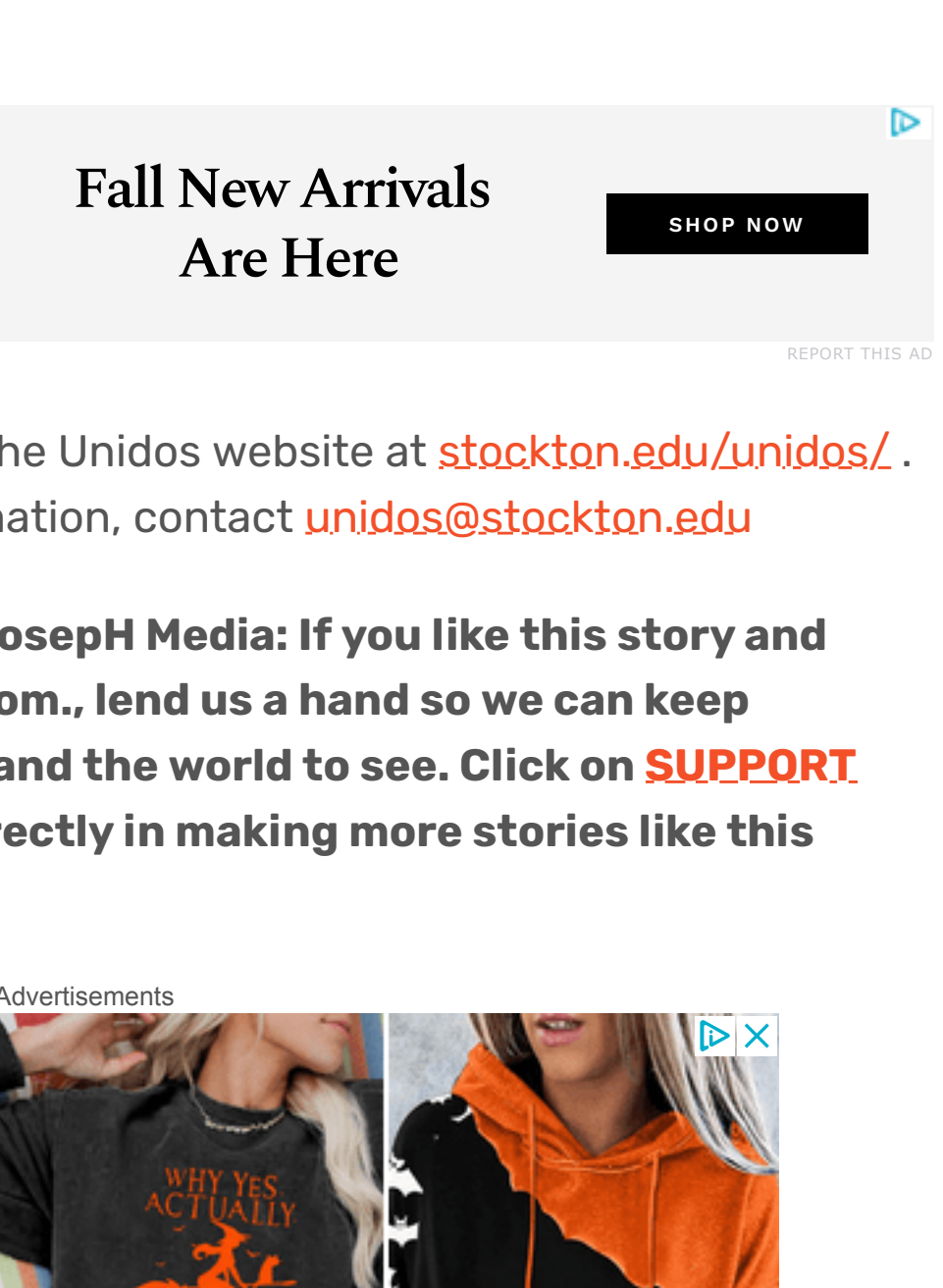
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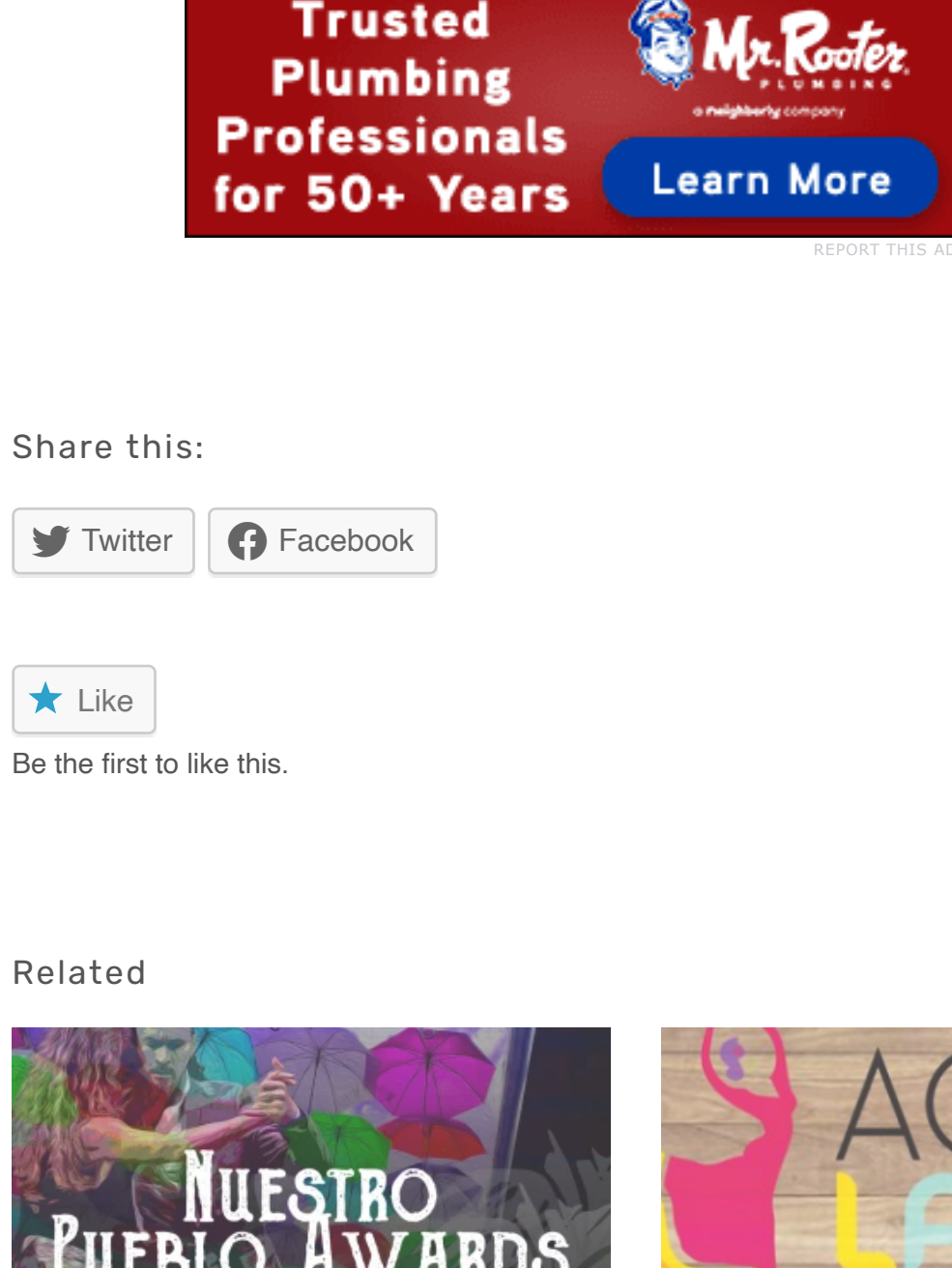
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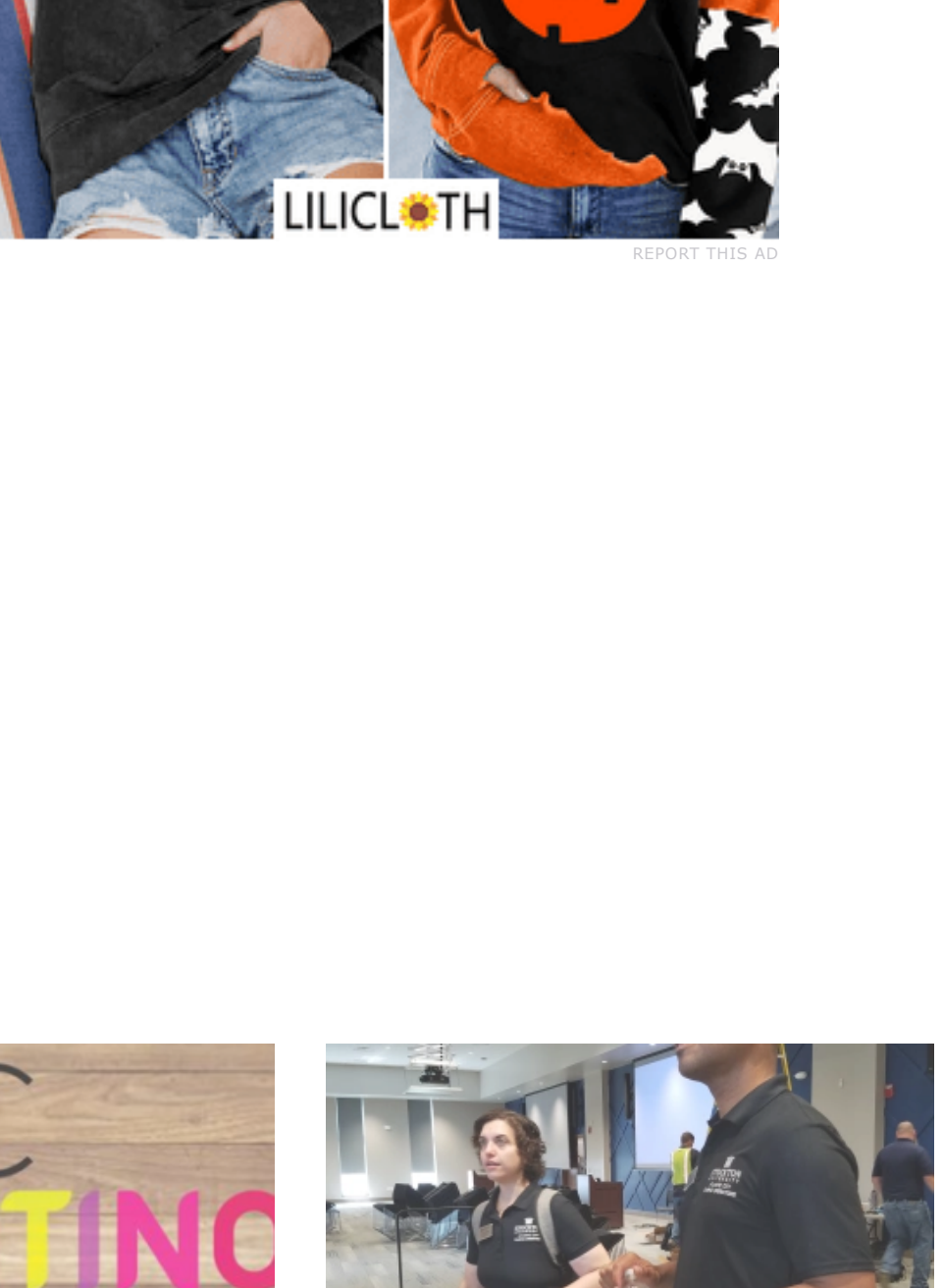
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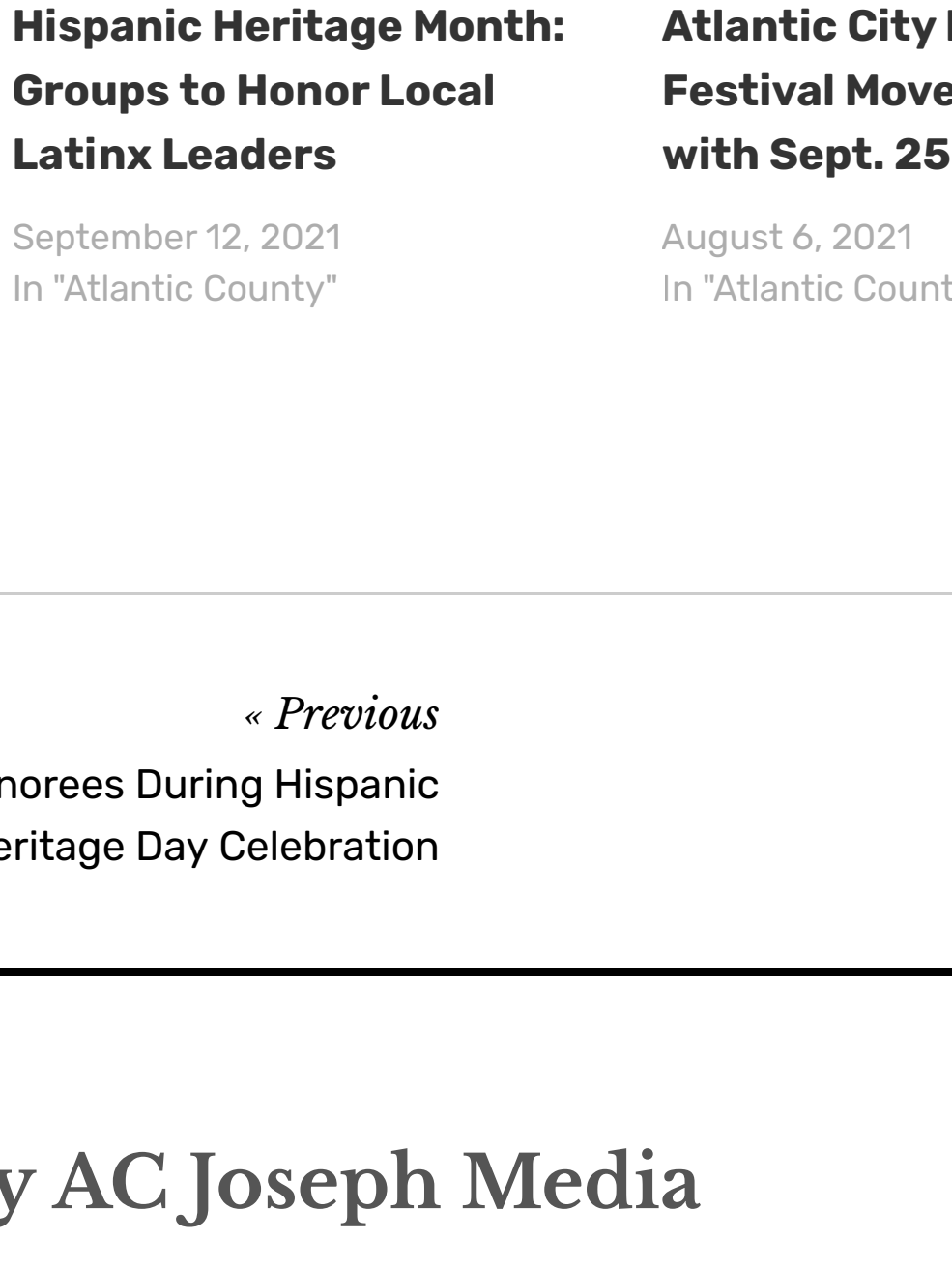
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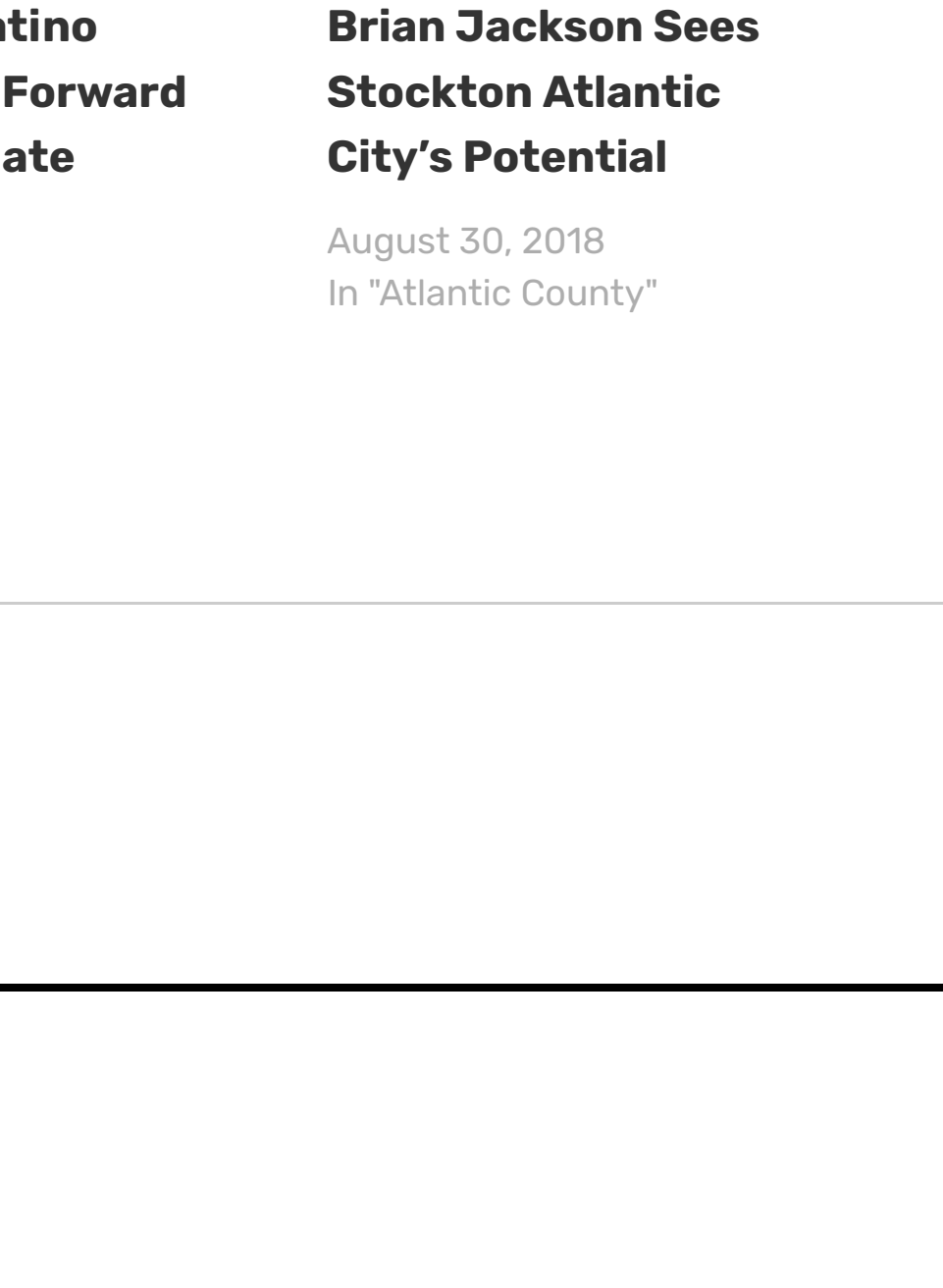
David Vinokurov



Lt. Wilber Santiago, Atlantic City Police Department.



Natalie Devonish and Victor Moreno of Atlantic Cape Community College

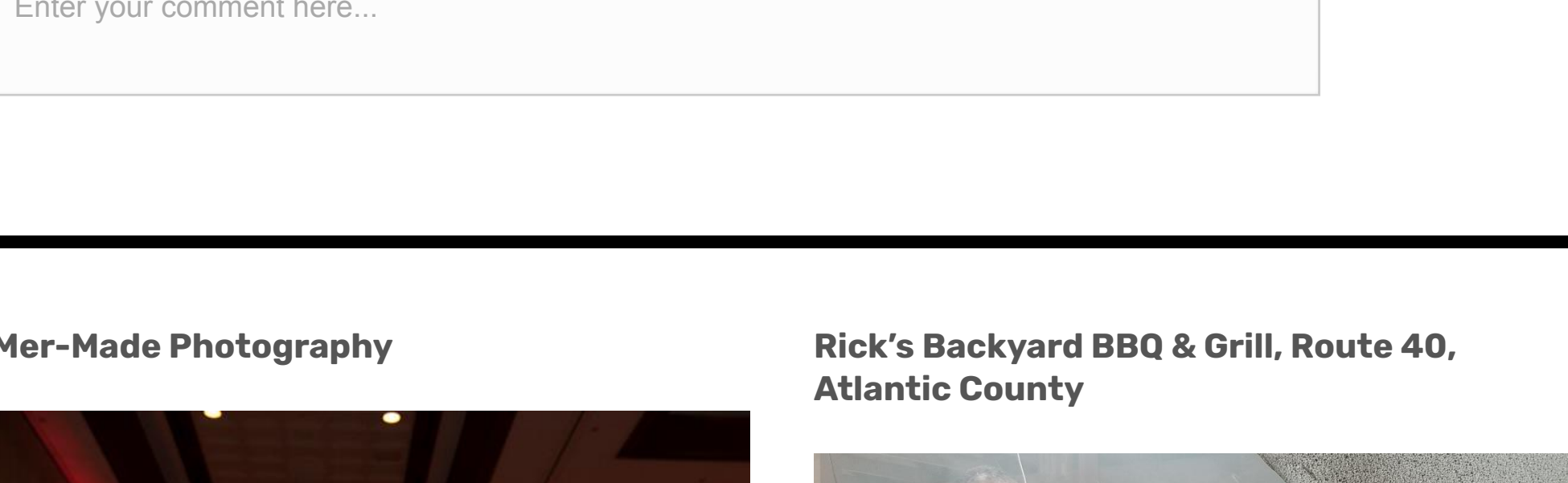


Luis Rodriguez

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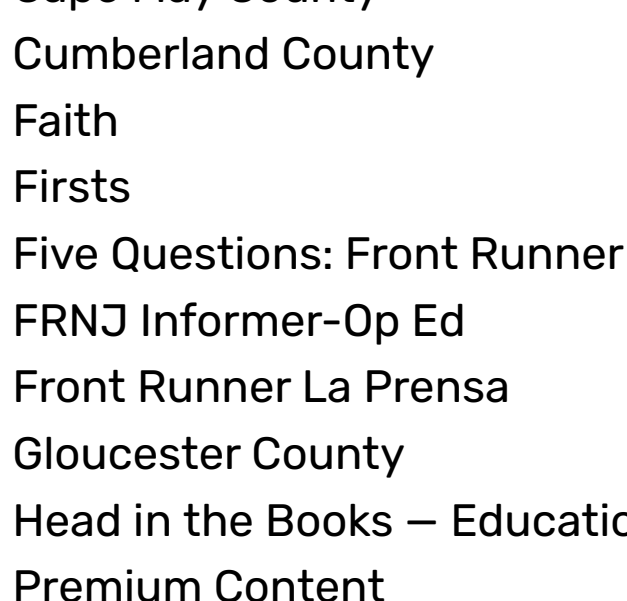


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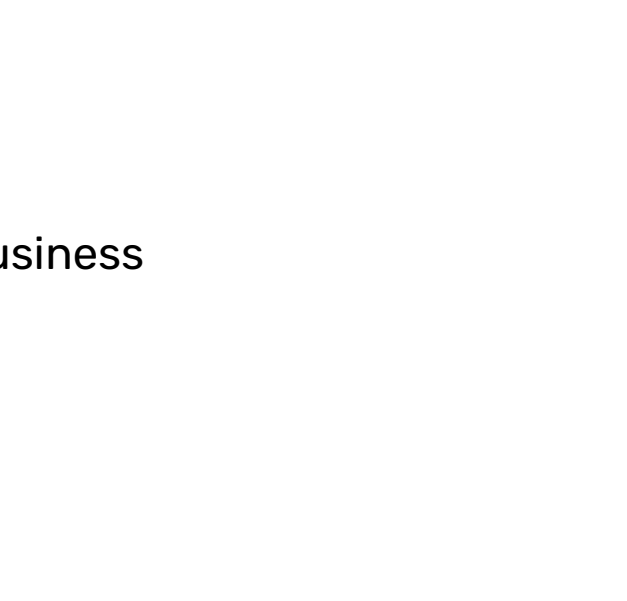
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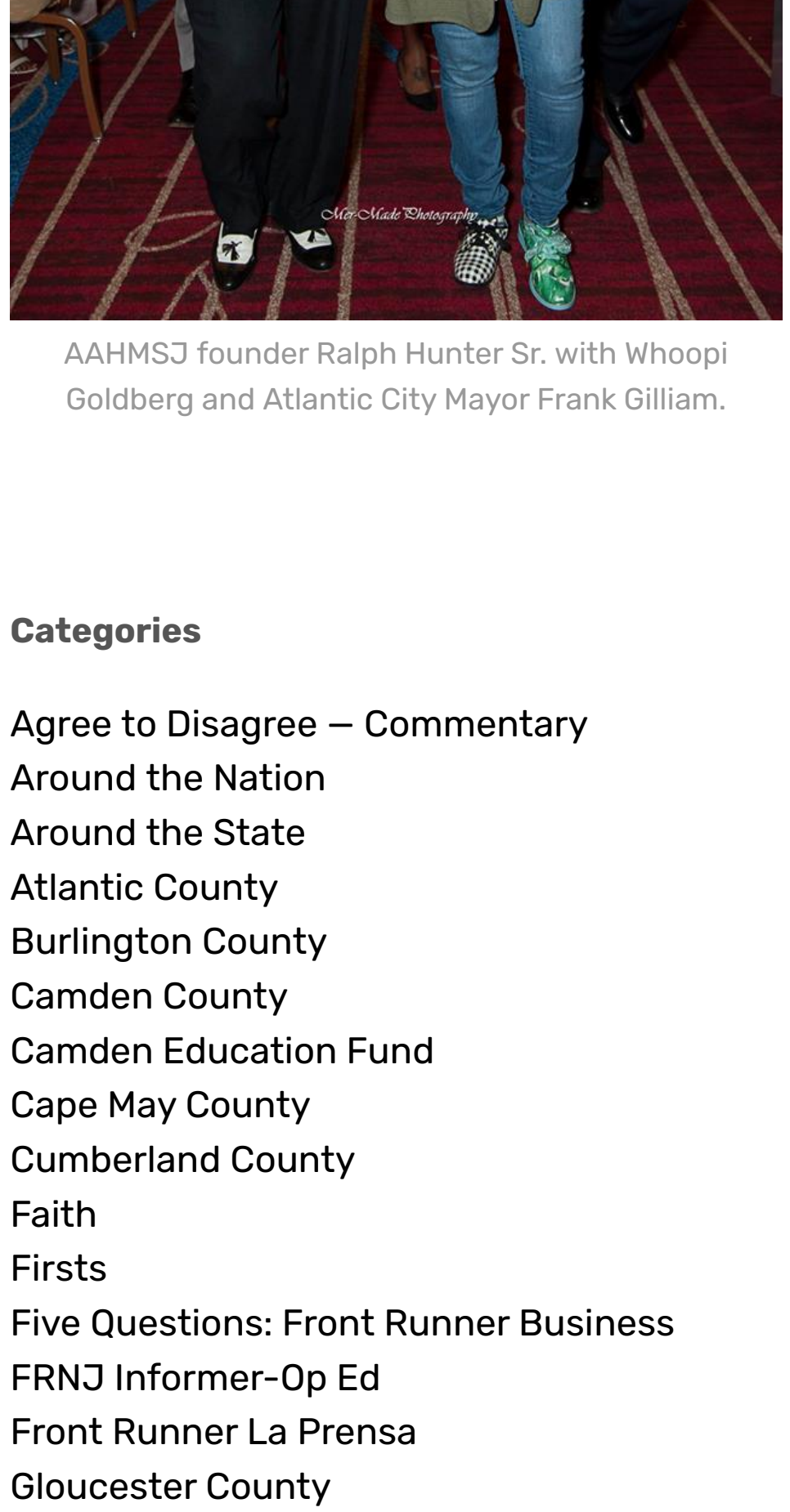
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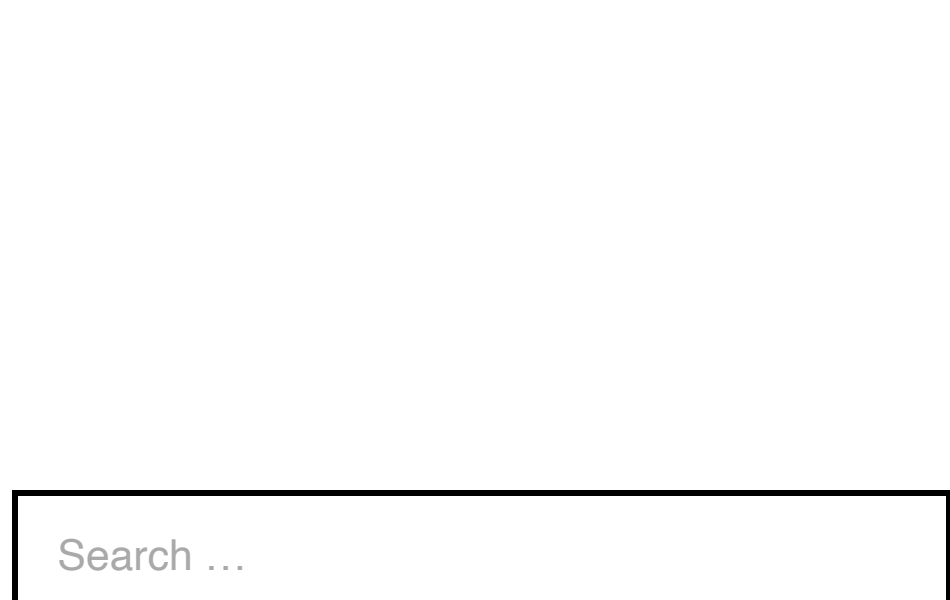
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AAHMSJ founder Ralph Hunter Sr. with Whoopi Goldberg and Atlantic City Mayor Frank Gilliam.

Rick's Backyard BBQ & Grill, Route 40, Atlantic County



Rick Gray shows off his ribs cooking at Rick's Backyard on Saturday. Photo by Meredith Winner, Mer-Made Photography

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