

WEATHER

AREA FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tomorrow	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Cloudy, snow becoming likely	Mostly sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, chance of rain
29/20	31/9	25/9	32/27	40/29

Northwest winds around 5 knots; becoming South around 5 knots in the afternoon. Waves 1 foot or less. A chance of light snow in the afternoon.

MARINE FORECAST

COMFORT INDICATORS

Sunburn Index: 1	Garden Forecast: Mostly cloudy. Snow likely in the afternoon.
Air Quality: Good	Little or no snow accumulation. Highs in the lower 30s. Chance of snow 70 percent.
Heat Index: 8 a.m. 25°	
noon 31°	
4 p.m. 31°	

TIDES

	HIGH TIDES		LOW TIDES	
	A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
At Sandy Hook				
Today	3:26	3:57	10:11	10:08
Tomorrow	4:23	4:54	10:59	10:57
Keyport at Raritan Bay				
Today	3:22	3:53	10:17	10:14
Tomorrow	4:19	4:50	11:05	11:03

SUN AND MOON

Full	Last	New	First
Feb 14	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8
Sunset today..... 6:57 a.m.	Sunrise tomorrow..... 6:57 a.m.	Moonrise today..... 1:03 p.m.	Moonsset today..... 3:02 a.m.

ALMANAC

New Brunswick Readings
Values are for 24 hours ending 8 a.m. yesterday.

Information provided by Rutgers Meteorology Department, Cook College.

Temperatures:

High.....	32
Low.....	18
Average.....	25
Normal High.....	41
Normal low.....	26
Normal average.....	30

Precipitation:

Yesterday.....	0.00
Month-to-date.....	2.72
Year-to-date.....	5.58
Normal year-to-date.....	

Records:

High temp.....	63 (1965)
Low temp.....	-7 (1934)
High temp. today.....	63 (1990)
Low temp. today.....	-14 (1934)

Degree Days:

Heating degree days.....	40
Month-to-date.....	241
Season-to-date.....	3329
Normal season-to-date.....	

LOTTERIES

<p>SATURDAY, FEB. 8 NEW JERSEY</p> <p>Midday Pick-3: 929 Straight: \$185 Box: \$61.50 Pair: \$18.50</p> <p>Midday Pick-4: 9662 Straight: \$2,644 Box: \$220</p> <p>Evening Pick-3: 793 Straight: \$332.50 Box: \$55 Pair: \$33</p> <p>Evening Pick-4: 9579 Straight: \$3,501.50 Box: \$291.50</p> <p>Jersey Cash 5: 16, 21, 34, 37, 38 5 of 5 pays \$55,503 4 of 5 pays \$587 3 of 5 pays \$13</p> <p>NEW YORK</p> <p>Midday Daily: 011 Lucky Sum: 2</p> <p>Midday WinFour: 3664 Lucky Sum: 19</p> <p>Evening Daily: 959 Lucky Sum: 23</p> <p>Evening WinFour: 8002 Lucky Sum: 10</p> <p>Lotto: Late drawing Take-5: Late drawing Pick 10: Late drawing</p> <p>PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>Cash 5: 9, 10, 11, 13, 33 Midday Daily: 793 Midday Big 4: 1356 Midday Quinto: 26298 Evening Daily: 758 Evening Big 4: 4988 Evening Quinto: 90818 Treasure Hunt: 6, 7, 17, 21, 30</p> <p>MULTISTATE</p> <p>Powerball: Late drawing</p>	<p>FRIDAY, FEB. 7 NEW JERSEY</p> <p>Midday Pick-3: 206 Straight: \$191.50 Box: \$31.50; Pair: \$19</p> <p>Midday Pick-4: 2955 Straight: \$4,611; Box: \$384</p> <p>Evening Pick-3: 111 Straight: \$214.50; Box: \$0 Pair: \$21</p> <p>Evening Pick-4: 2667 Straight: \$2,321; Box: \$193</p> <p>Jersey Cash 5: 2, 8, 15, 26, 39 5 of 5 pays \$0 4 of 5 pays \$525 3 of 5 pays \$11</p> <p>NEW YORK</p> <p>Midday Daily: 468 Lucky Sum: 18</p> <p>Midday WinFour: 6692 Lucky Sum: 23</p> <p>Evening Daily: 636 Lucky Sum: 15</p> <p>Evening WinFour: 0579 Lucky Sum: 21</p> <p>Take-5: 3, 8, 29, 31, 38 Pick 10: 2, 10, 14, 16, 18, 25, 26, 32, 33, 34, 36, 45, 52, 54, 61, 65, 66, 69, 73, 78</p> <p>PENNSYLVANIA</p> <p>Cash 5: 3, 14, 19, 29, 31 Midday Daily: 498 Midday Big 4: 1346 Midday Quinto: 19337 Evening Daily: 822 Evening Big 4: 4250 Evening Quinto: 35376 Treasure Hunt: 4, 13, 14, 20, 21</p> <p>MULTISTATE</p> <p>Mega Millions: 11, 21, 23, 35, 64; Mega Ball: 10</p>
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DAUGHTER

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Feb. 13 at The Pequannock Township Public Library.

Today, she speaks from a peaceful perspective: She and her wife, Bobbie, enjoy a good relationship with her mother and five siblings. She also works as a licensed massage therapist and Reiki master at her Collective Healing Network in Tappan, New York.

Vincent Gigante, who suffered heart problems, died nine years ago in federal prison in Missouri at age 77. Even before his death, the healing of their relationship had begun, according to Rita Gigante.

Writing the book has been part of her healing process. "The Godfather's Daughter," co-written with Natasha Stoyanoff, has generated thousands of reader responses worldwide, the author said, though none from anyone inside the Mafia. Celebrity Cafe Magazine called it a "compelling, intimate look at one of America's most notorious crime families."

"It's very different from the average mafia book," Rita Gigante said. "This story is just my experience."

As a girl, Rita Gigante was constantly anxious and depressed. She had panic attacks, too, because she sensed something was wrong with her environment. Not because she knew there was.

She opens "The Godfather's Daughter" with a girlhood scene: She plays quietly and alone under a table as a radio plays the soft strains of an Italian song. Then she hears the voices of angry men, including her father, enter the room. She dares not move.

Above her, an argument unfurls. She hears flesh hit bone, sees a man's bloodied face hit the floor next to her, watches her father's shiny shoe stomp on the man's head. All goes quiet. The body is removed. The men leave. She stays still until, eventually, her mother comes for her and advises, "Put it out of your mind."

But little Rita cannot and, by the time she reaches high school, feels a mixture of confusion, family loyalty, and anger when she hears rumors that she is a mafia princess. One day, angered at such a rumor, she smashes a girl's head into a bathroom sink.

"I was so upset with myself because I'm not a physical person in that respect," she told the Daily



Rita Gigante, author of "The Godfather's Daughter," is pictured at age 11 with her father, the late mobster Vincent "The Chin" Gigante, and her mother, Olympia. PHOTO COURTESY OF RITA GIGANTE

Record. "So I went to a friend of the family and begged her to tell me the truth about my father. I said, 'I know he's important. How important is he? What exactly does he do?'"

"There had been a lot of unanswered questions in my head that created so much anxiety, depression and panic," she explained. "When I actually found out, the first thing I felt was huge relief because I could finally put the puzzle together."

There were other things she came to know: Her father had a second family and home — a common-law wife and three other children who lived in an East 77th Street townhouse.

Understanding her father's world didn't come easily since much of it was hidden from her and she was more concerned, anyway, with her own private challenges.

In April 1986, Vincent Gigante conspired to murder his rival John Gotti, head of the Gambino crime family, as payback for Gotti's unsanctioned assassination of Gambino underboss Paul Castellano. But the plan failed: Gotti was not in the car with Gambino underboss Frank DeCicco when it exploded on a Brooklyn street.

On the New Jersey home front, his family heard rumors of his involvement.

"If my father was involved," Rita Gigante writes, "no one in the family was saying it — not to the public, not to other family members, definitely not to me, and maybe not even to themselves."

But she had another focus at the time. A month earlier, she had walked into her parents' bedroom and revealed that she was gay, an announcement that was met with an icy reception and sparked a bout of starvation and isolation for the then-19-year-old daughter. Her father had ordered her to

stop seeing girls. She defied him and almost paid with her life.

In her book, Rita Gigante also writes of how she'd spend time with her father in the ramshackle, roach-infested Greenwich Village apartment he shared with his mother and accompany him on his famous "shuffles" through the streets. Vincent Gigante was known for feigning schizophrenia and feeble-mindedness to avoid legally standing trial. According to The New York Times coverage of the era, his lawyers would point out he'd been confined in hospitals 28 times from 1969 to 1995 to treat hallucinations.

"My father, I came to learn, was a brilliant actor," Rita Gigante writes, adding she'd watch him in the apartment as he donned his famous pajamas, slippers, and ratty old robe from the Golden Nugget casino in Las Vegas. As he approached the door to leave, he'd mess up his hair, stoop over, and take on a glazed look.

"He'd say, 'Walk with me,'" Rita Gigante recalled. "As a daughter, what do you say — 'No, I don't want to walk with you'? So I'd do it, and he would say to me, 'Make like you're holding me up.'"

She remembers him checking into the third-floor psychiatric ward at St. Vincent's Hospital, sometimes for three weeks at a time. She didn't like it.

"I felt he was making a mockery of illness and the people who really suffered," she said.

The healing from her upbringing began in her thirties, she said, when she was able to look beyond the icon and see her father as a human being. When she was 30, he went to prison for the last time.

In 1997, after a month-long trial, Vincent Gigante was sentenced to 12 years and a \$1.25 million fine. His daughter said the sentence, spiritually

speaking, was no change for her father.

"It was like he was in prison his whole life without being behind bars and then finally being behind bars," Rita Gigante said. "But there wasn't really a difference because he never went anywhere, never did anything. He only had one vacation his whole life and that was when he went away on his honeymoon. He never left the streets of Manhattan unless it was to go to Brooklyn to a doctor's office."

"This is someone who didn't speak on the phone for 40 years," she added, explaining her father was constantly under surveillance. "He never had a phone conversation until he actually went in jail the last time. There's no normalcy to that. I imagine there was freedom for him just in picking up that phone and being able to speak."

Rita Gigante wrote her father a forgiveness letter when he was in prison though she only visited him there once, when she was traveling anyway to North Carolina to visit a friend. The rest of the family, she said, visited every other week. But she just didn't want to remember him that way.

"I was OK with that," she said. "I really was."

Today, she does not use the word "evil" to describe him. Instead, she uses the parlance of her alternative healing world and says he "operated at low vibrational energies."

Her father, she said, got caught up in the underworld. She believes that by the time he realized what was happening, he believed he couldn't get out.

"At some point, I think he felt there was no more choice," she said. "From my perspective, there's always choice, no matter what circumstance you find yourself in."

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Today in History

Today is Sunday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2014. There are 325 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1943: The World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ends with an Allied victory over Japanese

forces.

1964: The Beatles make their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show," broadcast from New York on CBS. The G.I. Joe action figure is introduced at the American International Toy Fair in New York.

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bathtub, with atherosclerotic heart disease and cocaine use significantly contributing to her death.

In the days after her death, fans left flowers in the gate in front of the 12,561-square-foot mansion in the Oak Knoll section. The home was the site of Houston's 1992 wedding to singer Bobby Brown, an event that drew 700 attendees. In 2005, the couple filmed the reality television series "Being Bobby Brown" at the home.

Brown and Houston divorced in 2007.

Sitting on five private acres with a gated entry, circular drive and space to park 15 cars, the former Houston estate offers five bedrooms, four full- and two half-baths, a custom kitchen, alarm system, basement, central air, multiple fireplaces, a six-car garage, microwave, a patio, deck, pool and pool house, tennis court, skylights and vaulted ceilings, walk-in closets and a washer-dryer.

The home features a circular theme that one real estate publication was inspired by Terminal C at Newark Liberty International Airport. Many circular rooms of-

fer panoramic views of the pristine, wooded grounds, including the master bedroom, which has a circular bed and its own circular master bath.

The home, which is still being prepared for showing, shows signs of age here and there. The media room off the kitchen has a rack of old stereo equipment (including a digital audio tape recorder) and a large tube television built into the wall. A column at the front gate is clearly crumbling. And most of the rooms are empty of furnishings, although the bedrooms are attractively furnished and decorated.

But it is hardly a fixer-upper and for home shop-

For the complete listing of Whitney Houston's former home in Mendham, visit libertyrealestate.com.

pers looking for a truly unique and private contemporary home, home, Taylor says he has your property.

"It recently appraised for 1.8 (million dollars), so it's a really good buy," Taylor said.

Taxes on the property in 2013 were \$38,128.

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