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Local man turns early years in Upper Darby into a big screen movie with real stars

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A local Delaware County resident who wrote a script about life in Upper Darby Township will soon see his story play out on the big screen after a well-known distribution company picked it up last year.

In 2019 Greg Lingo wrote a comedy, titled "Darby Heights" – formerly "Crabs in a

Buck," a play on Upper Darby Township and Clifton Heights – based loosely on his life in Upper Darby and the uniqueness of its locale. Much to his surprise, it quickly gained momentum, sparking the interest of several Hollywood stars who jumped on board by June of the same year.

"Upper Darby has uniquely rich and

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Gov. wants \$1.3B for schools; advocates say that's 'a good start'

By Andrea Sears
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Gov. Tom Wolf has proposed increasing basic education funding by more than 21 percent in the coming fiscal year, pushing a 2021-2022 budget price tag of historic proportions at \$1.3 billion and distributed through the state's fair funding formula, to help

school districts with the greatest needs.

Chris Lilienthal, assistant director of communications for the Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA), said the proposal also includes a \$200 million increase in Special Ed funding.

Wolf is also proposing \$23 million for Pre-K Counts and \$5 million

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Former Chester firefighter indicted for Capitol riot involvement

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A retired Chester City firefighter was indicted last week on multiple criminal charges stemming from his involvement in the Jan. 6 violent riot at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. The incident left five people dead – including one Capitol police officer – and several other officers injured.

Boothwyn resident Robert Sanford, 55, who was caught on video joining a mob of Trump supporters as they stormed the Capitol, was indicted on five felony counts after the video footage showed Sanford wielding and hurling a fire extinguisher at Capitol police as they attempted to ward off the violent insurrectionists, according to court documents released Sunday.

One police officer struck was later identified as Brian Sicknick, 42, a 13-year veteran of the Capitol Police force and, ironically, a Trump supporter, according to his social media. He died the next day in a local



Still images of video footage taken at the U.S. Capitol during a violent insurrection on Jan. 6 shows retired Chester firefighter, **Robert Sanford**, who has been indicted by a grand jury on multiple felony counts. Photo courtesy of Chicago-based firefighter blog, Firehouse.com.

hospital from injuries sustained "while physically engaging with protesters," Capitol police officials said. He apparently collapsed sometime after returning to his office and died the next day.

Sanford was initially thought to have been responsible, at least in part, for Sicknick's death because of video footage showing the melee, but law enforcement sources have said the DC medical examiner did not find that Sicknick's death resulted from "any blunt force trauma," so investigators believe that early reports that

he was fatally struck by a fire extinguisher are not true.

Sicknick's body lay in state at the Capitol building during the week that followed. He was just the fifth non-elected official to be so honored as that sacred tribute is typically reserved for dead American political leaders.

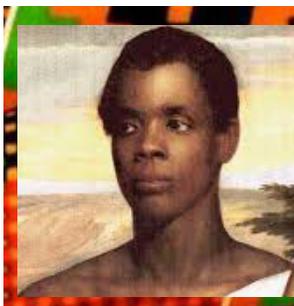
"Robert Sanford committed and attempted to commit an act to obstruct, impede, and interfere with a law enforcement officer lawfully engaged in the lawful performance of his/her official duties incident to and during

the commission of a civil disorder, and the civil disorder obstructed, delayed and adversely affected the conduct and performance of a federally protected function," said a U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (DC) grand jury.

More than 100 police officers were injured in the melee, including at least 15 officers who required hospitalization, according to court documents.

The indictment, issued Feb. 5, said Sanford now faces charges including assaulting, resisting,

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