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I had the privilege of getting to know Dr Selikoff personally and was able to proudly call him my friend. I spent many hours with Dr. Selikoff at his home and at his office discussing the need to educate and protect workers and the public from the ravages of asbestos exposure.

Since the controversial election, the Iranian government has suppressed foreign journalism and mass-media outlets from covering the protests and other events related to the election backlash. The people of Iran, and primarily the supporters of Hossein Mousavi, would not be silenced, and have been persistent in alerting the world of the events that are unfolding.

Iranians have found ways to access the popular social site through proxies and other network loopholes, enabling them to keep friends, families and the rest of the globe in-the-know when traditional media was stymied.

The amount of information being transmitted via "Tweet" even prompted State Department Official Jared Cohen to pen Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey a request to move the site's scheduled maintenance down-time to a later date in order to facilitate communication in Iran.

The United States is careful not to let this request appear to be meddling in Iranian affairs. "Information should be used as a way to promote freedom of expression," said P.J. Crowley, the assistant secretary of state for public affairs.

http://njpropertytaxlaw.wordpress.com/ Property Owner Wins Opportunity to Present Appeal Based Upon Highlands Act Exemption Claim By Anthony Delle Pelle

In this recent opinion from the New Jersey Tax Court, the taxpayer, Princeton Alliance Church (PAC), survived a motion to dismiss its property tax appeal after Tax Court Judge Vito Bianco found that the Morris County Tax Board improperly dismissed its appeal for failing to present a witness at the county tax board hearing.

New Jersey Property Tax Law HOME ABOUT THE AUTHORS JANUARY 24, 2010 Governor Corzine Signs Bill Limiting Tax Court Filings and Reducing Notice Requirements On January 16, 2010, Governor Corzine signed tax appeal legislation adopted by the Legislature into law as L. 2009, c. 251, which amended N.J.S.A. 54:3-21 and 54:4-23 effective immediately.

Chris Placitella's Law Blog 9.5 Million Dollar Verdict in Take Home Mesothelioma Case Mesothelioma Plaintiff Offers Proof of RT Vanderbilt Knowledge of Asbestos in Talc

e-lessons learned http://ellblog.com/ Twitter's Global Reach May Foster a Revolution By Fernando M. Pinguelo and Frank Gonnello Jr.

By now, you're probably familiar with the post-election chaos taking place in Iran. What you may not know is that Twitter, a free social networking and micro-blogging service that enables its users to send and read each others' updates, is being used in a revolutionary new way (pun intended).

puted facts of Princeton Alliance Church v. Mount Olive Township showed that PAC filed a brief with its appeal alleging that a portion of its property should be exempt as "taken by the State for conservation purposes" because it was located within the Highlands Preservation Area.

case could present taxpayers with relief in the future in avoiding dismissals with prejudice by county tax boards. The VSH Realty case, which was relied upon by the tax court in the PAC matter, was argued before the tax board and tax court by McKirdy & Riskin's Anthony Della Pelle.

Judge Bianco denied Mount Olive's motion to dismiss as being contrary to statutory and case law. As was recognized in VSH Realty, Inc. v. Harding Twp., 291 N.J. Super. 295 (App. Div. 1996), dismissal for lack of prosecution is only appropriate where the taxpayer fails to appear. The VSH Realty case does not impose a requirement on taxpayers to present witnesses at the county tax board hearings, although the taxpayer does bear the burden of proof to show it complies with the statutory requirements establishing an exemption.

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