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South Amboy Man Killed in Boat Explosion

SAYREVILLE -- Two South Amboy men were injured when the craft they were on exploded Saturday. One man later died of injuries sustained in the explosion.

A 32-foot Pacemaker power boat, Storm Trooper, erupted in flames while one of the two men was inside a cabin, possibly making engine repairs and the other man was on the top deck from which the boat would be controlled.

"This is the first time any-

Town Searches For Captain's Relatives

EDISON- Township officials are seeking relatives of an Air Force captain who the town plans to honor.

The town has received a plaque commemorating Capt. Ronald Michael Mayercik, who was declared Missing in Action in the Vietnam War. The hope is to dedicate it in the presence of Mayercik's relatives.

Mayercik attended Edison High School. He was the electronics operator on a plane that was shot down while on a reconnaissance mission over Laos in 1967.

A town street has been named in honor of Mayercik.

Anyone with information on the Mayercik family is asked to call Edison Historic Preservation Commission Chairman Michael Kaplonski at (732) 248-7298

thing like this happened in 40 years," said Pete Schultz, manager of Morgan Marina, 8000 Gondek Drive in Sayreville. Schultz said 269 boats are moored at the marina.

"They were working on the boat and it exploded. One guy was hurt really bad, he's up in St Barnabas in the burn unit," said Schultz.

"Two of my customers ran over when they heard the explosion," said Schultz. "They put the fire out with extinguishers

we keep on the dock and they pulled out the man who was hurt inside the cabin." "The owner got blown off the boat because he was up on the flying bridge," said Schultz. "He was up there and the explosion just knocked him right into the water."

The boat owner, George Chafos of South Pine Avenue South Amboy, was treated and released from Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy.

Donald McGloan was in the cabin working on the engine at

the time of the explosion. He died at 3:15 a.m. Monday morning. Schultz was not at the marina when the incident occurred.

Units from the Morgan First Aid Squad along with firefighters from the Morgan Hose Company responded to the scene.

New Jersey State Marine Police sent crime scene investigators and an arson investigator to the scene. Preliminary results are that the explosion was accidental.

VOLUNTEER SERVICE RECOGNIZED



Stephanie English (C.) of South Amboy High School, receives her Caring Award from Marie Zebro Lake (L.) and Shirlie Camp, chairpersons of the annual Caring Awards held at Middlesex County College in April. The event, sponsored by the Middlesex County Guidance Council, recognizes high school students for outstanding service to their communities and those in need. English is a volunteer with the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management Cadet Corps.

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see our article on page 2.

.for fireworks and family fun,

Wisniewski **Re-Elected** Chairman

SAYREVILLE Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski soundly beat back a chalfreshman lenge by Councilman Tom Marcinzyk in an election for Chairman of the Sayreville Democratic Organization. Wisniewski received over sixty percent of the vote. Marcinzyk, who is aggressively seeking next year's mayoral nomination, lost by a significant margin.

In addition to Chairman, the Sayreville Organization also elected their Executive Board. Incumbent Carol Smith was re-elected as Vice-Chair; Tom Downs was Deputy re-elected Chairman; Linda Diffin retained her seat as Treasurer; Charlotte Kierst was elected Recording Secretary; Camille Provenza elected was Corresponding Secretary; and William Blanken was re-elected to serve as Sergeant-at-Arms.

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Celebrating Independence in 2002

Compiled by Stevie Kopas AREA---It's almost time again to celebrate our nation's Independence. New York City, Six Flags Great Adventure, the Meadowlands, and cities in Union and Middlesex counties will all be celebrating this holiday with festivals and/or fireworks.

Most people celebrate Independence Day for just one day, but Six Flags Great Adventure is pulling out the stops this year, celebrating for a solid five! Concessions at the park this week will reflect America's melting pot nature, featuring regional fare like Southern fried chicken, Maryland crab cakes, Texasstyle chili and Philadelphia cheese steaks. And for dessert? Apple pie, of course. Stay for the evening, if you're not too busy, at the park's Northern Star arena catching a headliner like the Gin Blossoms, Styx or the Beach Boys, and keep your eyes trained on the sky. The park is putting on a triple-size fireworks display each night to honor our great nation!

The Meadowlands brings once again, Meadowlands Fair. On July 4th, don't miss a spectacular fireworks display presented by Bay Fireworks.

The 4th of July event in New Brunswick's Boyd Park annually attracts over 30,000 spectators. This year they will feature "Lonnie Gamble and Sound Check". PNC Bank annually provides a Super fireworks display at the conclusion of the Independence Day Celebration!

At Kennedy Park in Sayreville, the concert begins at 6 p.m., followed by fireworks at 9:15 p.m. on July 3rd.

Rahway is hosting its first "Holiday at Home" Independence Day Celebration on Thursday, July 4th. The fun begins at 2 p.m., "The Shirelles" will perform at 7:30 and the evening will be highlighted by a fireworks display over the Rahway River at 9 p.m.

Sunday, July 7th at the Metuchen Senior Center the Biro Symphonic Orchestra will perform at 7:30 p.m., to start your evening off before the fireworks display at 9 p.m. If you need further information, contact the Metuchen Recreation Center at 732-632-8502.

Union County will sponsor fireworks display at Nomahagan Park in Cranford, across from Union County College on the 4th of July.

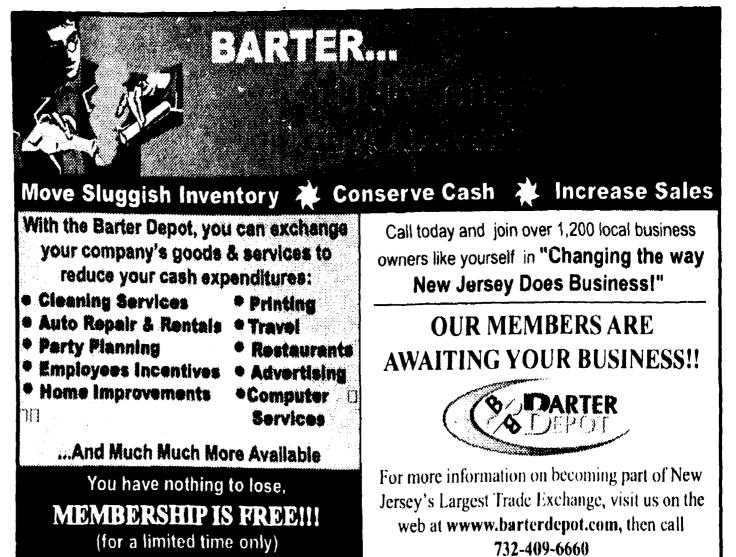
Fireworks will also be disthe played at: ALJ High School in Clark on July 5th; Elizabeth's Waterfront on July 4th; Piscataway High School on July 4th.

> Finally, in a special tribute to the United States and in celebration of America's 226th birthday, Macy's will present its 26th annual fireworks extravaganza entitled, "A Time

For Heroes." The 30-minute spectacular, which boasts state-of-the-art technology and an excess of 20,000 pyrotechnic shells, will occur from barges positioned in the East River. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg recently announced the City's plan to commemorate Independence Day by lifting the restrictions on fireworks displays in New York City. New York has not permitted any pyrotechnic displays since the terrorist attack of September 11th.

"For years, New York City has prominently celebrated America's independence and we will continue this significant tradition this Fourth of July by hosting Macy's annual fireworks spectacular," said Mayor Bloomberg. believe that the City will be ready for this type of display, which would have been inappropriate and disruptive in the months immediately following September 11th, and we will honor our Independence Day in a safe and festive manner."

SeaStreak Ferry is offering a ride aboard a luxurious catamaran to see the spectacular Macy's fireworks display right on the water! Call 1-800-BOATRIDE or 1-800-262-8743 to reserve your front row The ferry departs seats! departs from South Amboy at 6:00 p.m. The price is \$60 per person.



YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Colonia Girl Tries For Miss Jr. Teen Newark Title

Angelica Figueroa of Colonia was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2002 Miss Jr. Teen Newark pageant competition that will take place on June 30. Figueroa submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by Patty Neidert, this year's Newark Pageant Coordinator.



Christine Angelica Figueroa

Figueroa will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prizes and speciality gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of three divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 10-19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear. Most important, she will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Newark judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Figueroa were to win the title of Miss Jr. Teen Newark, she would represent Newark and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida. Over \$60,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the National Competition while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six days in Orlando, Florida.



CELEBRATING 19 YEARS—Evergreen Senior Citizen's Center located on Inman Avenue, Colonia, celebrated its 19th anniversary with the donation and dedication of a new marquee style sign. This changeable copy or bulletin board sign will keep everyone informed of activities and bring our community closer together. Pictured (L.–R.) Evelyn A. MacKenzie, council president; Brenda Yori Velasco; Mayor Frank G. Pelzman and George Vassiliades. For community messages or additional information contact George at (732) 381-4613.

Fundraiser For Woodbridge Man A Success

WOODBRIDGE-A spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Christopher Danchisko, a Woodbridge Township resident with a rare blood disorder, brought in more than \$21,500. The dinner was held Saturday, June 8 at Woodbridge High School.

"The turnout was tremendous," says Mayor Frank G. Pelzman. "The volume of people did not let up throughout the entire event."

Woodbridge Township Board of Education President Joyce Grehl, who coordinated the fundraiser, said close to 800 meals were served. "I thank the people of Woodbridge Township from the bottom of my heart," said Grehl. "They

came together to help a young man, many of them don't even know."

Everything for the fundraiser from spaghetti, to salad, to soda, was donated. Students, many of them friends of Christopher, volunteered their time to serve the meals.

Christopher, 21, suffers from Fanconi Anemia, a disorder which results in the failure of bone marrow to produce healthy red blood cells. The only chance for a cure is a bone marrow transplant.

Two more fundraisers for Christopher are being planned. A PBA picnic is scheduled for August 3, and a benefit softball game is set for August 13.

Revolutionary War Encampment Re-Enactment In Edison, June 29-30

EDISON The Metuchen-Edison Historical Society is sponsoring a Revolutionary War Encampment Re-enactment to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the Battle of the Short Hills.

The Re-enactment will feature the Brigade of the American Revolution, which will set up a campsite at John Adams Middle School, 1081 New Dover Road, Edison. The Brigade, which will stay in character all weekend, will set up tents, cooking areas, and suttler or merchant areas just as was done in this area in 1777. The Brigade will put on demonstrations of military maneuvers, marching, drilling, and formations.

Walter R. Stochel, Jr., President of the Metuchen-Edison Historical Society, said that this major event is a way that the Society "is bringing local history to the people." The Battle of the Short Hills was a major event in American History and a major event in Edison's history.

In June of 1777, 225 years ago, the forward elements of the American Army, under the command of Lord Stirling, camped from the Metuchen Meeting House to the Ash Swamp. They were positioned here to watch

the British retreat from New Brunswick to Perth Amboy, and to protect the main American Army under the command of George Washington, camped at Quibbletown.

On June 26, 1777, the British Army marched out of Perth Amboy to try to get to Quibbletown and destroy George Washington and the American Army. The only thing between the British and Quibbletown were the Americans under Lord Stirling. The British attacked the Americans camped in North Edison in what is now known as the Battle of the Short Hills. Four days later, on June 30, 1777, the British Army left New Jersey.

On June 29 and 30, 2002, the American Army once again will camp in North Edison to await the British Army and may be observed from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM each day. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see what life was like in North Edison in 1777.

Parking for this event is available at John P. Stevens High School and James Madison Elementary School. A shuttle bus will take visitors to the Re-enactment site.





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OCAL 7-DAY FORECAST



Cloudy; breezy and humid.

Partly cloudy.

Thu. night Friday Warm with clouds and sun.

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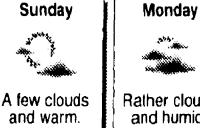
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NATIONAL SUMMARY

Sunshine.

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Rather cloudy and humid. **87/66**

Mostly sunny.

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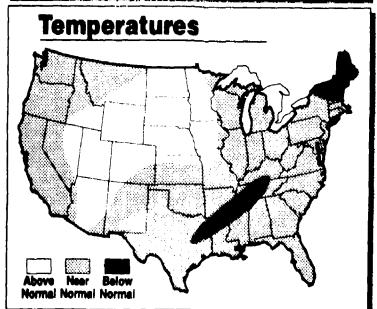
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Sun and some clouds.

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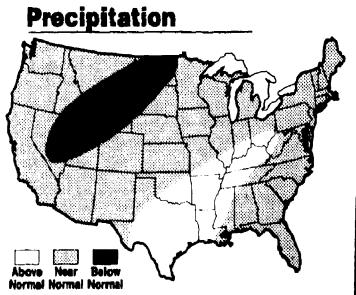


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southward into northern New

THE WEEK AHEAD..



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COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**



June 29 thru July 7 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily—The Kutztown Festival celebrates Pennsylvania Dutch and other early American traditions at the Kutztown Pennsylvania German Festival, Kutztown Fairgrounds, Kutztown, PA (Route 222 between Allentown and Reading PA). Admission is \$9 for adults, \$8 for seniors and children 12 and under are free. Free parking. Visit the website at www.kutztownfestival.com or call 1-888-674-6136 or 610-683-1597 for further information.

June 29 at 7 p.m.—Watoto Children's Choir will perform at Centenary United Methodist Church. The Church is located at 200 Hillside Avenue, Metuchen. For more information, call (732) 548-7622 or email centaryUMC@aol.com.

7:30-11:30 June 30. p.m.—Woodbridge area Widows or Widowers (WOWS) Fundraiser Dance/Social, \$8, at the Elk's Hall, 665 Rahway Ave., Woodbridge. Live band; refreshments. Call: 732-297-1775.

July 1 from 10 a.m.-3:15 p.m.-The American Red Cross of Central New Jersey will be holding a blood drive at the Middlesex County office, 123 How Lane, New Brunswick. If you are healthy, weigh over 110 pounds and are at least 17 years of age, please consider donating.

July 6 at 1 p.m.; July 12 and 26 at 1 p.m.-Delaware Bay Lighthouse Adventures: Board the Cape May Whale Watcher at Miss Chris Marina, 2nd Ave. and Wilson Drive, Cape May. Event co-sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts (MAC) and the Cape May Whale Watcher. For more info. call (609) 884-5404 or 800-

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Middlesex County Employees Eligible To Apply For Trade Adjustment Assistance

STATE -- The U.S. Department of Labor has approved petition NAFTA-5676N, which allows employees and former employees of Middlesex County, to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance under the North American Trade Free Agreement (NAFTA-TAA).

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) provides for a wide range of services and benefits to aid adversely affected workers in preparing for and obtaining new employment. In addition, Trade Readjustment Allowances (TRA) may be payable to eligible workers following exhaustion of all Unemployment Insurance entitlement.

To apply for NAFTA-TAA benefits, an eligible worker must report to the Workforce New Jersey One-Stop Career Center nearest his/her home where a NAFTA-TAA claim will be taken. To receive Trade Readjustment Allowances, an eligible worker must be enrolled in an approved training program by the end of the 16th week following the date of his/her claim for unemployment insurance benefits or within 6 weeks of the certification date, whichever is later. Call for more information (609) 984-2284.

The impact date of this certification is December 6, 2000 and covers workers who were separated from employment or whose hours were reduced on and after that date through February 19, 2004. The petition was certified on February 19, 2002.

THURSDAY, June 20

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Water Company Announces Student Contest Winners

MIDDLESEX COUNTY Middlesex Water Company, a water utility supplying water to a population of 220,000 in Middlesex and Monmouth Counties, recently hosted local health, regulatory and municipal officials at its upgraded water treatment plant in Edison in observance of Safe Drinking Water Week.

The company also presented awards to winners of its Design a Mascot Contest.

Contest winners are:

- Cara Albaum, Colonia Middle School, Colonia, Grade 6. Grand Prize
 - •Tiffany La Planche, Perth protection purposes.

Amboy Catholic Middle School, Perth Amboy, Grade 5

•Erica Paszinski, Colonia Middle School, Colonia, Grade 6

•Paige Tannenhaus, St. Stanislaus Kostka, Sayreville, Grade 3

Middlesex Water Company regularly speaks with schools and community organizations about wise water use and ways in which everyone can contribute to safe drinking water.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is an investor-owned water utility and is engaged in the business of supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and fire



CONTEST WINNERS—J. Richard Tompkins, Chairman of Middlesex Water Company, congratulates winners of the Company's "Design a Mascot" Contest. Winners are: Cara Albaum of Colonia, Erica Paszinski of Colonia, Tiffany La Planche of Perth Amboy and Paige Tannenhaus of Sayreville. Winners received U.S. Savings Bonds and Certificates of Achievement from the Company.



MIDDLESEX COUNTY COLLEGE STUDENTS HONORED AT MAPS DINNER—Minority Access to the Professions Scholars (MAPS) were honored at a dinner at the College in May. The MAPS Corporate and Professional Mentor Program helps students prepare for satisfying careers by facilitating career development and personal and professional growth. Students connect with an experienced professional who can demonstrate skills in a particular field and serve as a role model. Mentors help students to make the connection between their coursework and the world of work. From (L.-R.) are Lori Johnson, MAPS program: coordinator, Elui Guzman (Perth Amboy) host; Idelia Gomez (Perth Amboy) graduate; Betty Mathangani (Edison) peer mentor; Mansur President (Keasbey) peer mentor; Latora Norfleet (Edison) hostess and graduate and Eric Charles (South Amboy) peer mentor.



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Celebrate summer with SeaStreak! Join us for these special events from our South Amboy location

Dixieland Sunset Cruise with Dan Mecca's Back Door Jazz Band

Sail on June 29th, July 20th or August 24th. Board at 7:00pm from South Amboy Ferry Landing, Lower Main Street. \$25 per person.

Ticket Packages to Shea to see the NY Mets

Sunday, July 14th vs. Philadelphia Saturday, August 3rd vs. Arizona Board at 10:30am from S. Amboy Ferry Landing, Lower Main St. \$55 per person includes upper tier reserved ticket and round-trip vessel transportation.

Friday Night Dance Cruise with DJ Tony G

Sail on June 21st, July 19th or August 16th. Board at 7:30pm from South Amboy Ferry Landing, Lower Main Street. \$25 per person.

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MCC Announces Dean's List

EDISON--Middlesex County Collège has announced that 592 students have been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2002 semester. Each student has earned a grade point average of at least 3.25 with no grade below a "C" in 12 or more degree credits.

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Rider University's Dean's List

AREA—The deans of Rider University's College of Business Administration; Continuing Studies; and Liberal Arts, Education and Sciences have announced the names of undergraduate students who have been placed on the Dean's List for academic excellence for the Fall 2001 semester.

Area students are: College of Business Administration: Julia Gelman of Sayreville, Shanin Hughes of Sayreville, Leigh Huson of Port Reading, Olushola Ijalana of Metuchen, Vishal Jhaveri of Edison, Derek Krause of Parlin and Eric Spies of Hopelawn.

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences: Thomas Bodnar of Carteret, Michael McDonald of Edison, Kristine Pavlonnis of Carteret, Rachel Samely of Edison, Theresa Saunders of Sayreville, Erika Sosa of Edi-

son and Martha Taylor of Iselin.

College of Education: Lori Bobertz of Parlin, Lisa Chiavuzzo of Edison, Anne Marie Cichalski of Edison, Caitriona Duggan of Edison and Michelle Mondi of Edison.

College of Continuing Studies: James Tocco of Edi-

Locals Graduate From Rowan U.

AREA—On May 16, approximately 2,400 students took part in Rowan University's Commencement ceremonies. Included are Summer 2001, Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 graduates.

Area students include: Susan L. Campbell, Michele F. DeLuca, Kevin J. Miller, Edward J. Norman and John K. Pagano Jr., all of Colonia.



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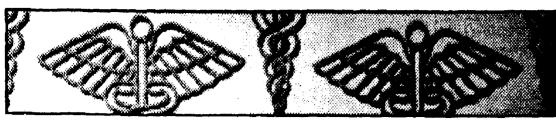
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HOLMDEL—Bayshore Community Hospital's Emergency Department, presented its most prestigious honor, the Distinguished Service Award, at the Lakeside Manor, Hazlet. This honor is bestowed annually upon an individual or group for distinguished service in the field of emergency medical services. It is presented with sincere appreciation of the continuous efforts of the men and women who tirelessly work around the clock, in the emergency response field.

This year, the Distinguished Service Awards were presented to three outstanding individuals for their extraordinary and continued support efforts above and beyond the normal call of duty to Bayshore's

Emergency Department (ED).

Harry Conover, Coordinator of the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management and Richard Kirk, Principal Registered Environmental Health Specialist were recognized for their ongoing support and efforts in coordinating emergency management services with the ED and for being an integral part of Bayshore's disaster and bio-terrorism task force teams, especially during the 9/11 crisis. Fortunato Campesi, patient representative at Bayshore Community Hospital was honored for his dedication to the emergency department for his extraordinary ability to switch jobs as needed within the department which included that of ED technician, unit secretary

and phone operator and for his continued involvement within the community, including being a member of the Middletown First-Aid Squad and police auxiliary.

"The 9/11 disaster took everyone off guard. Never before have we had to put forth such a magnanimous coordinated emergency effort, without any warning and in such a horrific manner. Being connected to the county emergency system was our lifeline," stated L. Scott Larsen, MD, director of emergency medical services at Bayshore Community Hospital.

"On a local level, nothing could compare with the effectiveness and overall support we receive from all of the emergency services that we deal with

in our area, on a day to day basis. We simply cannot express enough gratitude to them all."

The local First-Aid Squads were also honored as tribute to their ongoing dedication throughout the year including: Aberdeen, Cheesequake, Hazlet, Holmdel, Keansburg, Keyport, Laurence Harbor, Marlboro, Matawan, Middletown, MONOC, Morganville, South Aberdeen and Union Beach. Each squad was individually acknowledged and presented an award.

The Fifth Annual Bayshore Community Hospital Emergency Department Star Awards were also presented during the celebration. The Star Award's objective is for ED team members to acknowledge their peers, based upon excellence in customer service and distinction of teamwork — with the platinum star being the highest award.

Silver Stars were awarded to: Judith Melillo and Kassie Wadtke. Gold Star recipients were: Linda Burgos, Jeanette O'Donnell, Belinda Pornel, Bridget Slutz, Diana Szczpaniak and Amy Venti. The Platinum Stars were awarded to: Fortunato Campesi, Debbie Hinz and Denise Panella.

The ED volunteer patient advocates were also recognized including Marilyn Famularo, Barbara Catalano, Robert LaForge, Lynn Phillips, Dorothy Rosenberger, Frances Wilbur, Sonia Brakowski, Lynn Davis, Mary McNamara and Carol Reina.

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Urgent Need For Blood

AREA—Today the chief medical officer of the Penn-Jersey Region of American Red Cross Blood Services alerted hospitals that a blood shortage could affect patients as early as Monday.

"A sharp drop in blood donations since Memorial Day has depleted our supply. We will have a serious blood shortage in a matter of days unless donors respond now," said Stanley C. Roberts, CEO of the Penn-Jersey Red Cross Region. The Red Cross is the major provider of blood to hospitals in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and portions of central New Jersey and distributes nearly 2,000 blood products daily.

Especially needed are dona-

tions of type O blood, the type used in emergencies. There is less than a one-day supply available locally.

Blood shortages can force patients to wait for care, receive less blood then their doctor ordered, or mean patients will not get the exact blood product their doctor ordered because there is not enough to go around.

"Today, we cannot say with confidence that we will have enough blood for tomorrow. We are asking donors not to wait to give blood because it takes 48 hours to ready your donation to help someone," said Roberts.

To find a blood drive near where you work or live, visit the Red Cross Website at http://www.pleasegiveblod.org . or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (800-448-3543).

Who can give blood? Most healthly people who are at least seventeen years of age or older and who weigh 110 pounds or more are eligible to give blood. In New Jersey, seventeen-year-olds must bring a signed Red Cross parental consent form with them when they donate blood. Federal regulations require donors to wait 56 days between donations. Bring some form of ID.

Drink plenty of fluids and eat normally before giving blood. Between donations give your body plenty of iron. Foods rich in iron include red meat, fish, poultry, broccoli, beans, raisins and prunes.





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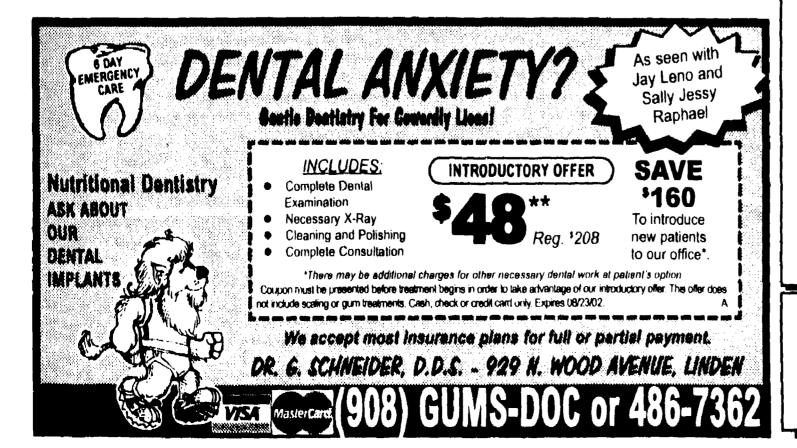
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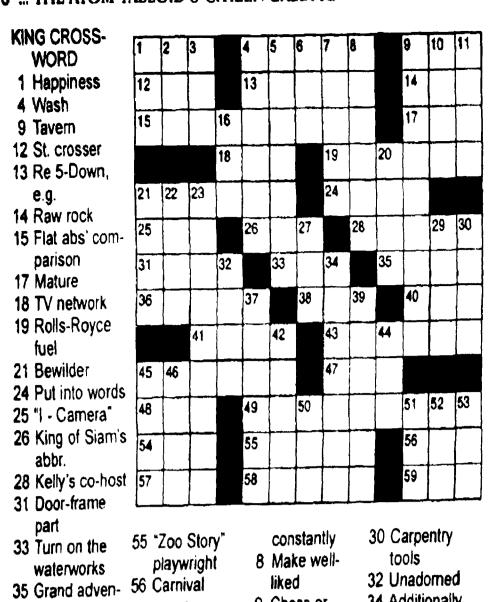
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Brooke and Tad found a new mystery in their search for a compatible donor for Enzo. Later, Brooke reacted to a photo Maddie showed her. Adam assured Barry he had matters under control. Vanessa had a frightening proposition for Mary. Kendall misinterpreted Chris' conversation with Bianca about the night of the fire. Kendall then reconfirmed her commitment to Ryan, but then left him waiting as she made a frantic phone call. Anna told Aidan that Robin was HIV positive. Wait to See: Ryan leaves a reminder. Maggie rattles JR.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Alison interrupted Aaron and Lucy's plans. Barbara looked around for financial help. Hal and Emily talked about marriage. Carly and Rosanna's bad feelings for each other intensified. Meanwhile, Craig and Jack competed for Carly's affections. Wait to See: Hal lays down the law. Lucy lashes out at Craig. Lisa catches Brandy.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Kristen didn't tell Eric that Ridge bought Spectra. Megan assured Whip that Brooke wouldn't hurt her daughter. Meanwhile, Bridget inadvertently overheard

Brooke and Deacon's conversation over the baby monitor, and realized he fathered Brooke's child. Fearing what Bridget might do now, Stephanic confronted Brooke and tried to strangle her. Wait to See: Deacon makes a crucial decision.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

John, Abe and Roman suspected that Stefano might be on his way back to Salem. Chloe's friends raffied around her when they learned about her test results. The news also prompted Nancy to tell Craig the truth about Chloe's biological father. Brady felt a comforting presence around him. Later, Brady gave Chloe a meaningful gift. Shawn and Belle made a decision about their future as a couple. Someone's return rattled the citizens of Salem. (Note: Thaao Penghlis, who previously played the presumably dead Tony DiMera, returned to "Days of our Lives" on Friday, June 21st.) Wait to See: A sudden death rocks everyone in town.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Carly lied to Sonny about the news from her doctor. Alexis supported Ned's actions. Bobbie and Scott sensed their feelings for each other as one of the psychic's predictions comes true. Lucky urged Nikolas to examine his actions vis-*-vis Gia. The mystery man outside Roy's home made an ominous call. Alexis rushed to the hospital with severe cramps, prompting a snooping Carly to find out why she was there. Wait to See: Gia shows her true colors. Carly cooks up a scheme. Alexis makes an announcement.

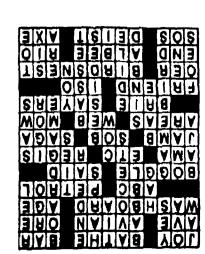
GUIDING LIGHT

Cassie managed to unravel Richard's secret. Rick and Mel received a call that could change their lives. Tony's anger caused him to lash out. Blake and Ross decided it was time to put their plan into operation. Olivia revealed Lorelei's past. Wait to See: Danny and Michelle have a surprise for each other on their anniversary. Alan makes Olivia an offer. Harley learns more about Gus' past.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Ross and Todd battled for control of the boat. Meanwhile, Sam fought to save Todd and Blair's children from Todd's hired thugs.

to Puzzle



Lindsay manipulated Jen into doing her bidding. "Viki" (actually Niki) confused Natalie and stunned Roxy as she deployed the first stage of her sinister plan. Rence, however, unwittingly threatened to uncover the scheme. Rae panicked when she learned of Keri and Antonio's Hawaiian vacation, and their search for Mark. Wait to See: Lindsay reaches out to Ben. Max takes desperate measures. Tea searches for Todd.

PASSIONS

Tabitha feared for Timmy as he and his mysterious companion traveled into a strange place in search of the Wizard. Kay prayed as she threw holy water at Zombie Charity while Miguel remained in a trance, pinned down by corpses. Liz realized Diana (Sheridan) was putting on an act for Brian when she left him for Nick. The helicopter coming to pick up Ethan and Theresa crashed, prompting Ethan and Gwen to come up with another plan. Rather than risk Ethan's life, Ivy defied Rebecca and told Sam and Luis where to find Theresa. Meanwhile, Ethan and Gwen helped Theresa deliver her son. Wait to See: Timmy signs on as Julian's wrestling manager.

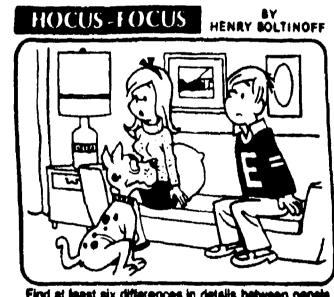
PORT CHARLES

Rafe stopped the wedding with a sudden announcement, causing Livvie to come up with more lies. Kate had shocking news for Alison. Meanwhile, as Lucy prayed for Kevin not to weaken and to come back to her from "Barnadoon" and Rebecca, Kevin made an interesting discovery about his sketches. Alison collapsed after giving lying testimony to satisfy the voices in her head. Jack and Jamal interrupted Livvie as she celebrated her deceptions. Rafe visited the barn and found a possible answer to all his questions. Wait to See: Kevin tests his belief in miracles.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Victoria warned Sharon that Diego could cause problems for her marriage. Nick later told Sharon he asked Chris to get a date for Victoria. Warton was puzzled by Amanda's reaction to the news that the phone repairman at the mansion was a fraud. Later, Ralph got back into the mansion and ordered Amanda to help him steal Kay's necklace. In Kansas, Victor and Hope were unaware that someone was recording their conversation. Wait to See: Nikki considers getting closer to Max.

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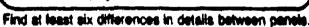
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YOUR HOLIDAY REGIPE PAGE

An American Celebration:

Fourth of July

...the birthday of our great nation. For generations. Americans have celebrated the holiday and the freedoms we enjoy by gathering with family and friends for flag-waving, fireworks and feasting. And nothing says the 4th of July like a good old-fashioned cookout. Throughout history, Fourth of July fare has traditionally been served outdoors and has included appealing appetizers, hot-off-thegrill meats, tasty side dishes and, of course, delicious desserts.

Why not plan a patriotic picnic and surprise your guests with these fun and easy-to-prepare recipes. Start out by serving an all-American appetizer like Grand Old Flag Cheese Spread served with buttery Ritz Crackers. For the main course, try Omaha Steaks' ultimate cookout steak the boneless strip - and top it with a star-shaped pat of steak butter. And for a star-studded dessert that's sure to dazzle, try a July 4th Cake.

Quick Tips for No-Fuss Fourth of July Entertaining Appetizers ...

Always keep cream cheese and

sour cream on hand as they can quickly be combined with salsa, condiments, shredded cheese or seasonings to create delicious dips or spreads.

To create visual appeal, serve prepared spreads in hollowed out fresh peppers, artichokes or cabbage heads.

Steaks ...

Grilling gives delicious flavor to steak as the high heat cooking seals in the juices. To determine the doneness of a steak, make a small slit near the bone and check the color or use a meat thermome-

When turning steaks, use longhandled tongs. Do not use a fork as piercing the beef allows flavorful juices to escape.

Desserts and More ...

To personalize desserts or party favors, use cookie cutters, cookie pop pans, candy or lollipop molds and single-sized baking pans to prepare individual portions. These can be arranged as your centerpiece before being enjoyed.

For festive-themed food items, use shaped cake pans to make unique and spectacular desserts (cakes, gelatin or mousse), salads or sandwich breads.

Filet Mignon With Peppered-Herb Rub

(pictured bottom lower right) Prep: 10 minutes Grill: 12 to 16 minutes

1/4 cup olive oil 3 tablespoons cracked black pepper 1 tablespoon garlic powder



1 tablespoon onion powder

I tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil

1 tablespoon chopped

fresh oregano

1-1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary

Salt to taste

4 Omaha Steaks Beef Filet Mignons (8 ounces each)

MIX oil and seasonings.

Rub mixture evenly onto

both sides of steaks.

GRILL 6 to 8 minutes on each side or until internal temperature reaches 140° to 150°F for medium doneness. Makes 4 servings.

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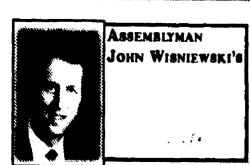
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EDITORIAL



Cable television. Something we love to hate.

Cable television has its origins in Pittsburgh in the 1950's. It was a creative solution to poor television reception caused by the mountainous terrain. Today, cable is more than just a way to get a clear signal. It is a way of life.

No one feels really included in the conversations around the office water cooler unless they've seen the latest episode of "Six Feet Under." If you're a sports fan, cable brings in sporting events for all seasons and interests. Unless, of course, you're a Yankee fan and you live in this area.

If you want your local access information - from when to put out your recyclables to when the next senior meeting is - you need cable.

Given the pivotal role cable plays in our lives, why do so many people hate it? I think the main basis of the dissatisfaction with cable has to do with the price paid for the product received. Back in the old days, before cable, television was free. Of course, there were only six channels. But there were no user charges for receiving and watching broadcast stations on our rabbiteared sets. The rabbit ears are gone. For a price.

Many attempts have been made to try and regulate cable television in order to keep costs down. The creation and expansion of cable television has led both the state and the federal government to pass a series of laws which attempt to regulate cable television.

The FCC first asserted its jurisdiction over cable television in 1965. Since then, a number of regulatory policies have been enacted, like the Cable Act of 1992, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

In April of 1999 the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was amended so that all regulation was repealed except for that which applied to the "basic tier" of cable program-

ming. Included under this definition are local over the air broadcast signals - like CBS, NBC, ABC, Fox, and PBS and governmental and educational access channels like CN8, NJN, and News 12 New Jersey. The first tier does not include premium channels or specialized programming.

The current lack of regulation has left customers at the mercy of cable providers. Popular channels are offered only in packages. For a subscriber to get what they want, they have to pay for a lot what don't want. they Programming, packaging, and pricing all work together to keep the cable providers in control of what can be watched and how much is paid to watch it. The cost of basic tier service, under state regulation, has decreased 5% since 1999 while the cost of unregulated tiers has increased 52.7% in the same timeframe. The time has Federal for the come Government to allow individual states to regulate cable television pricing and to protect the individual's right to choose the kind of cable service they want.

Cable customers deserve to have quality service at an affordable cost. Enabling state regulation will enable us to reclaim our rights and take control of the programming choices we are paying for.

Cable has become part of our lives. We have come to depend on flipping on the set and having a variety of viewing choices the same way we depend on picking up the phone or turning on a light. I am grateful for the education, information and entertainment that cable provides to all of our lives. I am disheartened, however, that because of an ongoing disagreement between Cablevision and the Organization YankeeNets many in our state are unable to enjoy the games of the great New York Yankees in our own homes. I am further disturbed by plans to build an arena in Newark to house the teams in the YankeeNets Organization when many in the state cannot even watch those games because of limited cable service. Cablevision is the only provider in the state who has not offered this service to their subscribers.

EDITORIAL

America's Political Infidels

Mike Ferguson spent his first year in Congress working to make sure he can spend the rest of his life there.

The young politician raised nearly a million dollars while he was being paid by taxpayers to govern the country. He also spent political capital swaying mapmakers who carved out a district more likely to give Ferguson another term.

This week, President George W. Bush came to New Jersey to help Ferguson raise another \$700,000 for his campaign fund.

What makes this incident even more reprehensible is that the president and the congressman used national security as the guise to permit taxpayers to cover the cost of Bush's visit.

Bush made a quick stop at the port in Elizabeth before heading off to rub elbows with Ferguson's wealthy contributors, where donors anted up \$25,000 each to have a picture taken with the president.

Ferguson is no hero when it come to defending this nation.

Eight days after terrorists attacked the Twin Towers, Ferguson voted for a multi-billion airline bailout. Then he dragged his feet for eight weeks before acting on legislation to protect airline passengers and those of us on the ground.

For Bush and Ferguson to pretend this visit has anything to do with homeland security is an insult to every American.

On another key issue, Ferguson is fond of plans to destroy Social Security. He, like Bush, wants to 'privatize' the system that has been in place since the Great Depression to assure workers have some financial support in their old age.

While we need to stand united in America's war against terror, we should be fiercely defensive against hypocritical politicians who are carrying on with politics as usual.

These are not usual times. The politics of money, special interests, deceit and, well... bull, are just not going to wash anymore.

Americans should hold elected officials to a higher standard than we did two years ago, and Mike Ferguson just does not make the grade.

Readers Commentary



Proud of Carteret Kids

Dear Editor:

again proved why living in this community is an honor.

Wednesday evening's awards night honored our athletes for not only their talent, but for their sportsmanship. During our basketball season we played a team from a very well to do town. The children representing that town

were disrespectful and rude. Carteret's Children once They represented themselves and their community poorly and with total lack of respect for those around them. We are blessed with children who are taught to not only be their best but to be good sports. A job well done by their coaches, and of course, their parents.

Congratulations to all the

children who won awards.

Also a big thanks to Mr. Sisko, who is retiring. Thank you for all you gave to Carteret for so many years. You came back to Carteret after college and raised your family here. You truly have Carteret in your heart and mind.

> Fred E. Gerstler Carteret



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No Divide

For years, we've been told about the "digital divide," the computer "haves" and "havenots" and how unfair America is because the rich and privileged have access to computers while the poor and disadvantaged do not. As the crisis continued, we were warned, the inequalities would increase and the gap between rich and poor, privileged and vulnerable, white and black, would grow ever more insurmount-

able. In fact, this notion was the major impetus behind the move to "wire" all the schools to the internet.

Now economics writer Robert J. Samuelson in The Washington Post calls the digital divide "largely fiction." He says, "Falling prices and skill requirements suggested that the digital divide would spontaneously shrink and so it has." He sites Census Bureau figures that show narrowing gaps in computer use among

income and ethnic groups. Indeed, computer use is rising among all racial and ethnic groups. He writes: "The 'digital divide suggested a simple solution (computers) for a complex problem (poverty).

With more computer access, the poor could escape their lot. But computers never were the source of anyone's poverty and, as for escaping, what people do for themselves matters more than what technology can do for them." Amen

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Dowdell Library Summer Reading Club

SOUTH AMBOY — Children of all ages are invited on a high seas reading voyage during 2002 in the Ocean **Blue** as the Dowdell Library opens its summer reading program on July 8th, with

"Sharks: Truth and Consequences." The program presented by the New Jersey State reveals Aquarium some surprising shark facts. Children will see and touch real shark jaws, sharkskin and more. The program begins at 1 p.m. with seating beginning 10 minutes before show time.

children ages 3 and 4 at 10 a.m. begin on July 10th. Thursday storytimes for children ages 5-8 at 6 p.m. begin on July 11th. In-person registration for both programs is required and begins July 1st.

Beginning July 9th crafts will be every held Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. for children ages 5 and up; younger children may attend with an adult caregiver.

In addition, the Dowdell Library will be sponsoring a Spin Art contest with in-per-Wednesday storytimes for son registration beginning July

12th The spin art program begins Monday, July 15th and runs through August 9th. Spin art will be judged according to age group, with prizes awarded later in the summer.

Other events, such as chalk day, bingo, dune buggy races, lunch with the librarian, and a visit from the Rainforest Café are planned throughout the coming months. Visit the library to pick up a calendar of events and explore the mysteries of the deep blue sea.

more information please call 732-721-6060 or email children@dowdell.org.

Resident Recognized for Academic Achievement

EDISON—Rider University freshman Adrienne Gillespie of Edison was one of four students to receive the Paul C. Scherr EOP Student Book Award as a recent Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) banquet at Rider. Gillespie, a global business major, was recognized for her significant academic, great potential, and strong motivation. The monetary award is earmarked for the purchase of textbooks at the Rider University Bookstore. Scherr is a professor emeritus at Rider.

Trembley – Minenna

EDISON — Linda M. Trembley of Edison, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond O'Brien, has announced her engagement to Michael D. Minenna of Edison, son of Emanuel and Ardis Minenna of Staten Island, N.Y.

The engagement was announced on December 14, 2000.

Linda is a graduate of Middlesex County College and is employed by AACE Associated as a supervisor.

Michael is a graduate of Susan Biwagner High School,

Staten Island, N.Y. and is employed by Joseph Eletto Transfer as a manager.

The couple plan to be married on July 14, 2002.



Linda M. Trembley and Michael D. Minenna

Wisniewski and Councilman Ride Rails

his efforts to work to reduce the problems that exist along railroad rights-of-way, John Assemblyman Wisniewski, Chairman of the Transportation Assembly Committee, recently rode along with a Conrail train crew.

The purpose the June 19 ridealong was to obtain an understanding of how Conrail operates its freight service in the атеа.

Residents in Sayreville and other communities many throughout the state are upset by the Conrail operation behind their homes.

In early March. Assemblyman Wisniewski and Sayreville Borough Councilman Thomas Pollando held a meeting at a Zaleski Drive home in which concerned residents were given the opportunity to meet with a representative from Conrail to address some of their issues. The meeting included a walking inspection of the tracks and a survey of cars which were parked there.

One of the concerns of the residents along these tracks is the manner in which Conrail freight service. operates Assemblyman Wisniewski rode along with the goal of trying to find a ways service can be modified to accommodate neighbors along the railroad right-of -way. Specific issues include noise, train speed and safety.

"Conrail has shown a willingness to work to address the concerns of residents. By allowing us to see how the trains operate

SAYREVILLE — As part of we have a better idea in possible solutions. I look forward to working with the residents, local officials like Councilman Pollando and Conrail on finding solutions to some of these problems," said Wisniewski.

"The ride gave us some real insight on how Conrail operates. It is only by understanding the operation that we can start to think of ways to solve residents concerns." said Pollando.



RIDING THE RAILS-Assemblyman John Wisniewski and Sayreville Councilman Thomas Pollando ride along with a Conrail train crew.

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ART INSTRUCTION—Caldwell College recently held its semi-annual Early Childhood Education in the 21st Century conference, which attracted over 300 New Jersey educators to the campus. The Art Tips and Techniques workshop explored creative art ideas for the classroom, like using an old record player for spin-art. From (L.-R.) are Beth Costa, 2nd grade teacher at St. Catherine's of Bologna in Ringwood, Sharon Griffin, director of the Golden Rule Christian Center, Sayreville and Sharon Harst, kindergarten teacher at St. Catherine's of Bologna.



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The festivities will begin with hula lessons by awardwinning, professional Polynesian dancer Tara Villanueva, a South Jersey resident. While kids try to win prizes in the seashell hunt challenge, parents can see "how low they can go" in the limbo contest. The day

will continue to heat up 🖔 with Dynamic D.J.'s dancefest and musical beach After chairs. breaking sweat dancing, guests can cool off with a water balloon toss competition or catch a wave at one of 🐚 Hurricane Harbor's water attractions.

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pint-sized slides at

Discovery Bay to The Blue Lagoon's wave pool. Also offered are thrilling

water slides,

a relaxing "lazy river" encircling the park and Hurricane Mountain, an enormous sixslide tower. A "wet and wild" Fourth of July is promised at Hurricane Harbor, open from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Six Flags Hurricane Harbor is open daily through September 8 offering special events, sporting tournaments, and new for 2002, swimming lessons and a junior lifeguard program.

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N.J. Wine Trail Day Trips Ready For Summer & Fall Fun

AREA - New Jersey's wineries are located in some of the most beautiful areas of the state. In addition to the gorgeous scenery, the wineries themselves are lovely as well — many in old stone buildings or converted dairy barns. Add to this the acres and acres of grape vines planted on sunny hills and, perhaps most important, great award-winning wine tasting, and you have the makings for a great day trip.

To help you explore New Jersey wineries, the Garden State Wine Growers Association has put together suggestions for New Jersey Wine Trail day trips for each area of the state. The Trails, which include in-depth information on each winery on the Trail and detailed directions from one winery to the next, can be found on the Garden State Wine Growers Association www.newjerseywebsite wines.com. Just click on Wine Trails in the left hand menu.

The site currently includes six Wine Trails: a North Jersey Wine Trail, a Hunterdon County Wine Trail, a Central Jersey Wine Trail, and three South Jersey Wine Trails. Use these or design your own trip to your favorite wineries. As more and more New Jersey wineries open (five more are scheduled to open in the next year) they will be added to the Wine Trails or new Trails will be developed, so check the site frequently.

If you love wine and love to travel, if you are looking for a fun day trip or relaxing weekend getaway, check out the New Jersey Wine Trails and then hit the trail!

New Jersey wineries are open for tours and tastings and summer and fall are ideal times to visit them. More information on New Jersey wines can be found on the Association website at www.nevjerseywines.com.

Dave Mason Band Rocks Ballooning Festival

AREA - The Dave Mason **Band** presented by Q 104.3 FM on Friday, July 26th, 8 p.m. will rock the Michelob Light stage of the 20th annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning Presented by JCP &L, A FirstEnergy Company. The festival runs July 26, 27 and 28, rain or shine at Solberg Airport in Readington, New Jersey.

The band was formed by British-born rock legend Dave Mason. Mason has a 38-year career that includes many influential hits of his own and with his since split up band Traffic. At the fresh age of 19, Mason penned "Feelin' Alright" which has since

was from a pairing with rock deity Jimi Hendrix. Saturday night Green Mountain Energy Company presents Hall & Oates appearing at 8:00

This year features Scooby-Doo's Movie Madness presented by Magic 98.3 • the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show • Marriott Hotels Fireworks Extravaganza on Friday night • Smirnoff Ice Hare & Hound balloon Ascension - the New Jersey Monthly Balloon Explorium • Quick Chek Entertainment Tent • NJEA Barnstorming Air Show • Airborne Jugglers • The JCP&L Family Fun Center • The Cat Chow Way of

been covered by over 48 artists including Joe Cocker. Besides his solo music career, www.balloonfestival Mason has collaborated with such noted artists as The Rolling Stones for their album "Beggar's

Banquet" and Beatles George Harrison and Paul McCartney for "All Things Must Pass" and, "Listen To What the Man Said", respectively. His most famous song, "All Along the Watchtower"

p.m. On Sunday, PNC Bank presents The Beach Boys at 3:00 p.m.

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ing tickets, attractions and directions, call 1-800-HOT-AIR-9 or visit the Festival Web site at Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the gate for adults and \$6 in advance/\$10 at the gate for chil-

dren (three and under are free). The free Aetna Shuttle Express will speed the trip to the festival site. Portion of the proceeds from advance ticket sales at Quick Chek Stores, benefit the Children's Miracle Network.

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OBITUARIES

Mary A. Wasko, 86 of Fords

Mrs. Mary A. (Salada) Wasko, died June 2 at the JFK Hospice, Edison. She was 86.

She was a lifelong resident of Fords.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. wasko was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church in Fords. She was a member of the Alter Rosary Society of the church and of the Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Peter George Wasko, died in 1980; and a daughter Mary Oliver, died in 1979.

Surviving are 16 children. Barbara Povlick of East Windsor. Peter Wasko of Parsippany, Ronald Wasko of Fords, Claire Iorillo of Fords, Eleanor Ihasz of Keasbey, Robert Wasko of Colorado, Dorothy Yusko of Perth Amboy, Edward Wasko of Fords, Michael Wasko of Fords, Kathleen Wehrle of Woodbridge, Lawrence Wasko of North Brunswick, Dennis Wasko of Texas, Theresa Lobb of Florida, Beverly Zuppa of Woodbridge, Judith Mecka of Port Reading, and Constance Antreux of Port Reading; one sister, Helen Kovacs of Cliffwood: 30 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

NEW JERSEY

Kenneth Jorgensen of Woodbridge

Mr. Kenneth Jorgensen of Woodbridge died June 1 at the Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy. He was 61.

He was a lifelong resident of Woodbridge. He was a selfemployed home improvement contractor most of his life.

Mr. Jorgensen was a member of the Woodbridge Elks Lodge 2116 and the Woodbridge Elks softball team for many years.

Surviving are his mother, Irene (Hango) Jorgensen of Woodbridge; five daughters, Dana Mortensen of Woodbridge, Katrina and Amanda Jorgensen, both of Old Bridge; and eight

Francis Gorman, 80 of Iselin

Mr. Francis Gorman of Iselin died June 1 at Rahway Hospital, Rahway. He was 80.

He was an U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of the American Legion of Iselin.

His sister, Agnes Gorman, is deceased. Surviving are his wife, Irene; two sons, Dennis and Michael; his daughter, Michele; two grandchildren and one greatgrandchild.

Erica Noa of Edison, Tanya Perret of Lawrence Harbour.

grandchildren.

Jose Jimenez, Jr. of Perth Amboy

Mr. Jose Jimenez Jr. of Perth Amboy died June 7 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 47.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided there most of his life.

He was a Navy veteran, serving from 1977 to 1980 on the USS Mitscher.

He was a member of the Criollos Athletic Club in Perth Amboy.

His father, Jose Sr. died in 1994.

Surviving are his mother, Margarita (Perez) Jimenez; two brothers, Louis of Georgia and Tony of New Hampshire; one sister, Miriam Jimenez of Perth Amboy; one daughter, Tashyna Edwards of Metuchen; a companion, Daisy Gonzalez of Perth Amboy; and many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Walter Rasmussen of Perth Amboy

Mr. Walter Rasmussen of Lanoka Harbor died June 1 at Meadowlands Hospital Medical Center, Secaucus. He was 49.

Born in Rahway, he lived in Perth Amboy before residing in Lanoka Harbor in 1994.

He worked as an electrician for 30 years, presently with I.B.E.W. Local 456 in New Brunswick. Prior to that he worked with the I.B.E.W. 358 in Perth Amboy.

Surviving are his wife, Kathy (Cronin) Rasmussen; his mother, Caroline Rasmussen: his father, Ralph and step-mother, Helaine Rasmussen; two brothers, a twin brother Andrew Rasmussen and Ray Rasmussen; two sisters, Bonnie Szpara and Joan Rasmussen: and four nieces and four nephews.

Mary Suriano, 100

of Edison

Mrs. Mary Suriano, dearest grandmother, died June 11. She was 100.

She celebrated her 100th birthday on Dec. 28, 2001, at Park Place Nursing Home in Monmouth Junction, where she was a resident for the past five years. She moved from Altman, Pa. to Edison 75 years ago.

She was an avid gardener, and loved flowers and vegetables.

Her husband, Saverio, died in 1971, and her daughter, Anne Woolley, died in 1966.

Surviving are a son, Benjamin J. Suriano, a daughter, Rose Aziz, both of Edison; eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Martha Juman, 92

of Edison

Mrs. Martha (Farber) Juman of Edison died June 6 at her residence. She was 92.

Born in Pittsburgh, she lived in Newark, Union and then West Palm Beach, Fla. She returned to New Jersey and lived in Clark before moving to Edison in 1999.

A sister, Sarah Juman is deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Irving Juman; a daughter, Marilyn Luxenberg of Clark; a son, Sanford Juman of Edison; four grandsons, Dr. Jay Luxenberg, Scott Luxenberg, Robert Juman and Marnie Filippelli and five great-grandchildren, Adam, Evan, Brooke, Ian and David.

James SanFilippo of Carteret

Mr. James "Jack" SanFilippo of Carteret died June 2 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 79.

Born in Jersey City, he resided in Carteret since 1958.

He was former co-owner of SanFilippo Trucking Co. in Jersey City.

He was the current owner of Jack SanFilippo Landscaping Co. in Carteret, operating the business since 1960.

Mr. SanFilippo was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Carteret.

He served as an Army sergeant during World War II.

He was a breeder of show

pigeons.

His son, Robert A. San-Filippo, died in 1971.

Surviving are his wife of 54 years, Marie E. (Kanuske) SanFilippo, and three daughters, Linda Ivanitski, of Port Lavaca, Texas, Susan Luskey, of Carteret and Laura Denton, also of Carteret; a brother of Charles A. SanFilippo of Carteret; seven grandchildren, Lee Ivanitski, Amy Van Hooser, Michael R., Christopher J. and Jenna Luskey, and Sean and Kaitlyn Denton, and three great-grandchildren, Nikolas and Ally Ivanitski and Soniia Van Hooser.

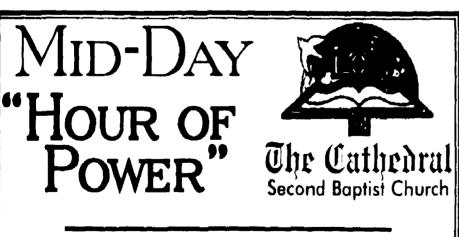
Deborah Schrotter, 48 of Metuchen

Mrs. Deborah B. Schrotter Schrotter died June 5 in the Barbara E. Cheung Memorial Hospice, Edison. She was 48.

A dental assistant, she was the office manager and systems administrator for the Metuchen Dental Group for many years.

Born in Englewood, she lived in Waldwick and Edison before moving to Metuchen several years ago.

Surviving are Craig, her husband of 29 years; a son, Daniel; her mother, Gertrude Diss, and a sister, Darlene Gates.



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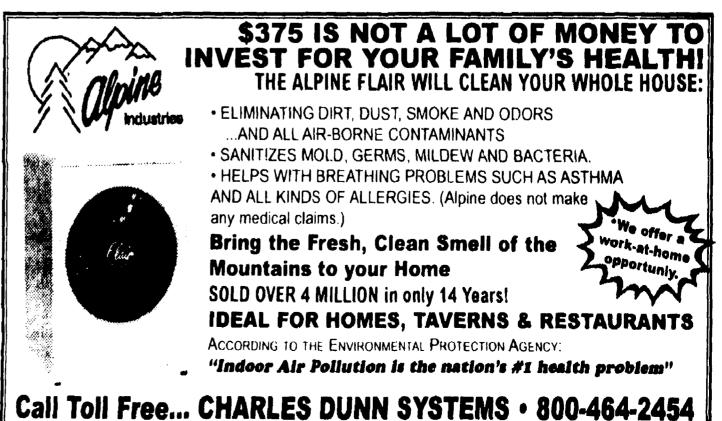
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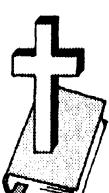
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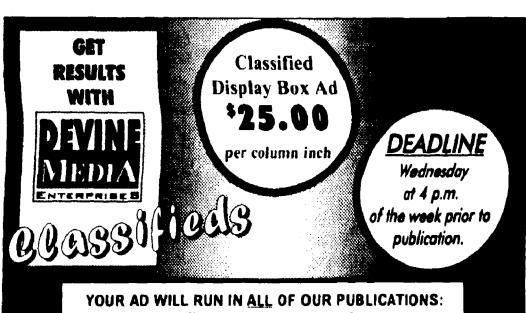
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Perth Amboy To Remove All Fire Alarm Call Boxes

PERTH **AMBOY** Effective July 1, Perth Amboy will be eliminating the century-old, citywide fire alarm call box system. The decision was based on a fire department study conducted by Boston-MMA Consulting based Group, which deemed the system antiquated since the advent of the municipal 9-1-1 computer-aided dispatch system, along with the increased availability of standard and

departmental study has demonstrated that over the past nine years, not one emergency incident has been reported solely through the call box system. In fact, the system has often produced more confusion than success, with 237 false alarm calls made last year alone. In the light of this, the Fire Department has decided to eliminate the call box system, which will essentially

free up approximately 400 man hours per year that are used to respond to false alarms.

"The City of Perth Amboy remains committed to providing the best possible emergency services to our residents, businesses and institutions. We will continue to provide the proper response to all emergency needs, however, it will be done through a more efficient method. This impor-

tant change will further modernize our Fire Department operations and best serve everyone's needs," stated Fire Chief Lawrence Cattano.

The Gamewll Alarm System, which has been in place for over 100 years, will be removed gradually and will be officially disconnected on July 1. "Out of Service" signs will then be posted on all remaining street boxes as the system is turned down. On or around

July 22, removal of all alarm boxes in the city should be completed.

Therefore, residents will be required to report all fire emergencies by calling 9-1-1 or the Perth Amboy Fire Department at (732) 826-1111.

These methods are proven quicker and more effective than the call box system and will help deliver the fastest response times in the event of a fire emergency.



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South Amboy High School "Class Of 2002"

SOUTH AMBOY—On June 20, South Amboy High School graduation ceremonies were held for the Class of 2002.

Candidates for graduation are: Victoria Accordino, Benjamin Bajkowski, Danielle Ball, Kenneth Batiuk, Edward Beshada, Nicholas Blum, Victor Bober, Lauren Brady, Mariusz Choinski, Erin Connors, Thoms Dalfonzo, Karolina Debek, Shawn Dexter, Maria Diniz, Barbara Dula, Stephanie English, Randy Fallon, Ryan J. Frisch, Krzysztof Glomski, Matthew Gonsalves, Mariusz Gromadzki, Catherine Grzybala, Lisa Halmo, Brian Hyslop, Christina Kelly, Janusz Kmieciak, Cheri Kurtiak, Jennifer Kurtz, Tara Lawrence, Heather Letts, Jason Mages, Tiffany Miller, Hope Mohamed, Krzysztof Mroczkowski, Urszula Nicewicz, Daniel Nuzzie, Steven

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