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Funding Approved For Perth Amboy Safety Complex

PERTH AMBOY—Last week, Perth Amboy's city council approved financing plans for the proposed \$51.6 million public-safety complex to be built at Route 440 and New Brunswick Avenue.

The council also approved plans to acquire Sciortino's Pizzeria and 17 other businesses and homes, by purchase or condemnation, to make way for the complex.

The estimated \$51.6 million cost will be paid by borrowing

\$43.1 million, selling municipal assets for \$6.39 million, and receiving \$2.2 million from the state Department of Transportation.

The council rejected a request from Valerie Bollheimer, a Bedminster attorney representing the pizzeria owners, to postpone the vote on the acquisition ordinance for two weeks because she is waiting on reports from a structural engineer and mason on the pizzeria's nearly 100-year-old brick oven.

Sciortino's co-owner Louis Seminski, Jr was disappointed with the ruling.

Councilman Frank Sinatra said he doesn't know how to rebuild the city without taking the properties. "It's a lot deeper than taking someone's pizza oven," he said.

The new public safety complex is necessitated by the \$600 million Landings at Harborside redevelopment project on the city's water-

front. The city's present public safety complex is included in the area to be redeveloped as part of the Harborside project.

The new public safety complex will have on-site parking, an 18,000 square-foot courthouse, a 42,000 square-foot police headquarters, an 85,000 square-foot community center, a 32,000 square-foot fire headquarters, and an 11,000 square-foot EMS station.

Wisniewski Races At The Meadowlands

SAYREVILLE—Assembly man John Wisniewski of Sayreville, New Jersey, took on three other members of the New Jersey State Assembly, along with New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority President & CEO George R.

Zoffinger, in a different kind of challenge on Friday, June 21, when he drove a harness horse in a charity event at the Meadowlands Racetrack.

The New Jersey Challenge Race was the eighth exhibition harness race hosted by New

Jersey's racetracks in which state officials learned firsthand about harness racing.

Wisniewski, who competed for the Melanie Good Fund for Leukemia, drove "EZ Pass" in the race, which was won by George R. Zoffinger, President of the New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority.

The race carried a \$1,500

purse donated by the Standardbred Breeders and Owners Association of New Jersey. The winner's charity received \$500, with \$250 to the charities of the other competitors. Wisniewski and the other participants practiced driving at the Meadowlands or at local training centers in preparation for the race.

Broadway Gets Patriotic Makeover

SOUTH AMBOY—Adults and children volunteered their time to decorate windows of more than two dozen businesses along Broadway last Wednesday and Thursday. No one can say the waterfront city is unpatriotic with colorful paintings of American flags and fireworks dotting South Amboy's main drag.

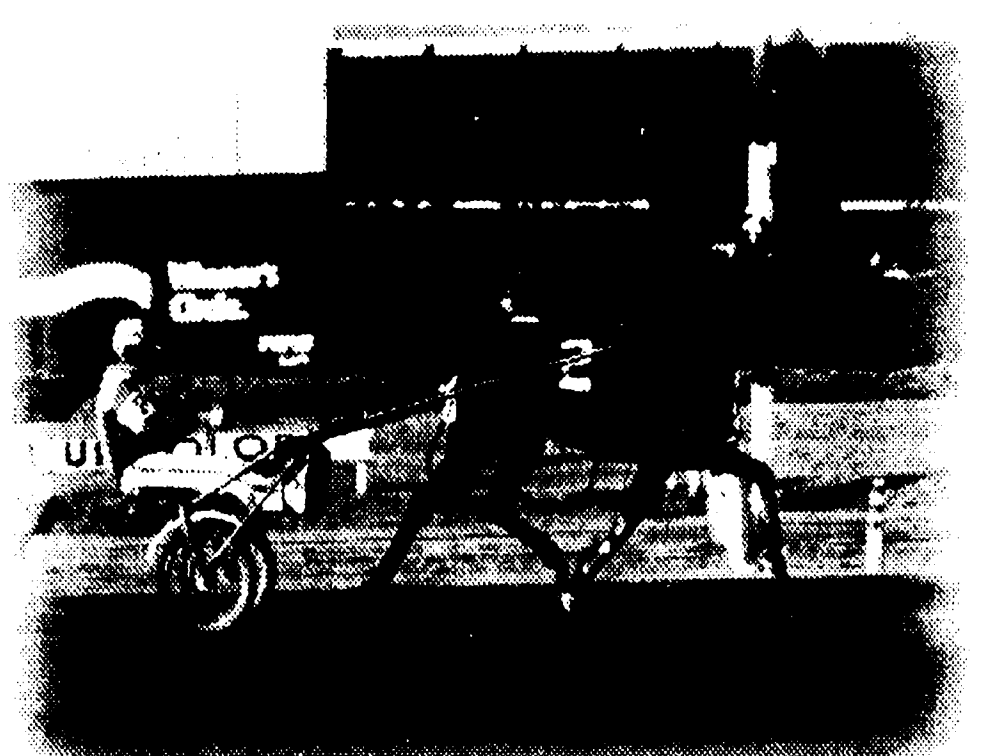
"It's a lot better than graffiti on the walls," said George Gonzalez, who owns Mid-Jersey Medical Supplies. "The children get to express them-

selves." Samantha Seaman-Taggart painted a tribute to the World Trade Center on Gonzalez's windows. The 14 year-old's uncle is a New York City firefighter. "Not only was it a major event, but I almost lost my uncle in it," Seaman-Taggart said of her decision to draw the Twin Towers.

The patriotic event also helped kick off night shopping in the city. Stores will stay open until 8 p.m. every Thursday until the end of September.

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AT THE RACES—Assemblyman John Wisniewski of Sayreville was along for the ride with "EZ Pass" in the New Jersey Challenge Race at the Meadowlands Racetrack on Friday, June 21. Wisniewski was one of four New Jersey lawmakers to take on New Jersey Sports & Exposition Authority President and CEO George Zoffinger in an exhibition race for charity.

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Iselin Fair Is Coming Back To Town

ISELIN The Iselin Fair this year will be held from July 8-13. As usual, the fair will feature a 120-foot food tent: clams on the half shell, pizza, zeppoli, shish-ka-bob and many other delicious foods. There are amusement rides, fun for all ages and entertainment. Bracelet Nights (pay one price and ride all night) will be Tuesday, July 9, Thursday, July 11 and Saturday, July 13. Open each night at 7 p.m. Free parking and admission.

Be Nice To New Jersey Week

EDISON During the week of July 8-13, the Children's department of the Edison Public Library invites all children pre-school-6th grade to visit the library and write a letter to Governor McGreevey telling him what they like about New Jersey. Participants will be given a prepared form on which to write their message along with a New Jersey pencil and bookmark for their efforts. All letters will be sent to the Governor. Forms will be available at the Main Library, its North Edison and Clara Barton branches, and on the Bookmobile. For further information, call (732) 287-2351, ext. 3.

Nickels For The Battleship N.J.

EDISON—As part of the "Take Pride in America: Read!" Summer Reading Program at the Edison Public Library, the Children's Librarians will donate a nickel for every child that signs up for the reading program to the Battleship New Jersey Historical Museum Society for the preservation of our state's namesake. For further information, call (732) 287-2351, ext. 3.



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Hopelawn VFW Installs Officers

HOPELAWN The Hopelawn VFW Memorial Post #1352 and its Ladies Auxiliary installed the following officers for the year 2002-03.

Post Officers: Commander Steve J. Cserr; Sr. Vice Commander Robert Schmidt Jr.; Vice Commander Edward Witos; Quartermaster Pasquale Casanova; Chaplain James Mikusi; Adjutant Anthony Romano; Judge Advocate George Kacsur; Surgeon Edward Kolb; Guard Joseph

Crittelli; Officer of the Day Stephen Halkovich; Trustees Stephen Halkovich, Rudy Bixby and Paul Eldredge.

Auxiliary Officers: President Marie Moran; Sr. Vice President Yolanda Kardos; Jr. Vice President Florence Weir; Treasurer Helen Kurucz; Secretary Mary Cserr; Chaplain Muriel Nagy; Conductress Margaret Camisa; Guard Patricia De Domenico; Trustees Helen Andreuzzi, Betty Szilagy and Elizabeth Koczan.

Holy Family Seniors Announce Trips

CARTERET—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret announce the following trips, open to one and all:

July 20 (Tuesday)—BBQ at Jefferson House, Lake Hopatcong. Includes boat ride and entertainment. Depart at 9 a.m. and cost is \$46.

Aug. 14 (Wednesday)—Smithville Lunch and show; Taj Mahal Casino pkg. included. Departs 8:30 a.m. and cost is \$45. (Make check payable to Holy Name Society).

Sept. 18 (Wednesday)—The "Lion King" at NYC show with dinner later. Cost is \$130. Depart 12 noon.

Oct. 11 (Friday)—Platzl Brauhaus "Oktoberfest." Depart 8:30 a.m. and cost is \$50.

Oct. 19 (Saturday)—Annual Dinner Dance at Holy Family Parish Center. Sponsored by Holy Family Rosary Society. Cost \$25.

Oct. 22-24—Boston tour

includes meals, guide, "Cheers" lunch, historical sites, entertainment and guide. Cost \$400 for double and \$510 for single.

Nov. 20 (Wednesday)—The show "Broadway Shenanigans" starring Laura Roth at Brownstone in Paterson. Depart at 10 a.m. and cost is \$45.

Dec. 11 (Wednesday)—The show "Thoroughly Modern Millie" in NYC, dinner after. Tickets are \$80 and depart at 12 noon.

All trips leave from the VFW parking lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. For reservations, call Dottie at (732) 541-8506. For AC trips, call Chester at (732) 541-7164. Caesar's Casino Pkg. July 19, Aug. 22, Sept. 19. Departs 9 a.m. Cost: \$15. Checks should be made out to "Holy Family Seniors."

American Heroes: Firefighters

EDISON The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will hold registration in person or by phone for children 4 years of age through 6th grade beginning July 22 for a program featuring members of Edison Fire Department who will speak about a day in the life of a firefighter. Registration is limited and open to Edison residents only. Programs are as follows: Main Library: Monday, July 29 at 10:30 a.m. Call (732) 287-2351, ext. 3, 340 Plainfield Avenue; and North Edison: Monday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m. Call (732) 548-4759, ext. 3, 777 Grove Avenue.

School Superintendent Retiring

PERTH AMBOY—Perth Amboy Superintendent of Schools Pablo Clausell has notified the Board of Education of his intent to retire at the end of the 2002-03 school year.

Board President Austin Gumbs said, "Dr. Clausell has been an excellent leader of our school district for the past 2 1/2 years. We are sorry to see him go."

Clausell said he wants to spend his final year with the district getting the shovel in the ground for the new School 10 and the new early-childhood center on Hall Avenue, both part of the district's \$112 million school-construction project.

Clausell also wants to be available to help the board search for a new superintendent and to aid in the transition process.

Gumbs says that the board will begin its search this fall, and hopes to have a new superintendent in place by April.

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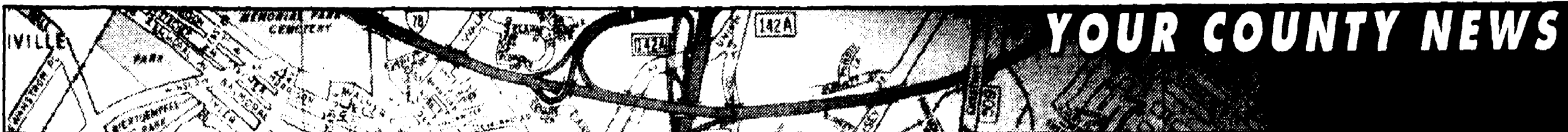
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THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES—Graduating seniors at Caldwell College recently left behind a remembrance of their days on campus with the planting of the *Senior Tree* on the campus near Lady Lane, a grove of dogwood trees and memorial stones which commemorates each graduating class. From (L.-R.) Jennifer Grygo of East Brunswick, Allison Finley and Laura Piskadlo of North Arlington, Wilson Chea of Nassau, Bahamas, who resides in Caldwell, Jennel Michaels of Lincoln Park, Daniela Petrelli of Union, La'Vise McCray of Jersey City, Selena Diaz of Nassau, Bahamas, who resides in Caldwell, Steven Gomez of Jersey City, Kristen Blahuta of Edison, Christine Adamo of Basking Ridge, O'Livia DelPiano of Roosevelt and Barbara Stillwell of Woodbridge.

Middlesex County Presents Free Concerts

MIDDLESEX COUNTY —The following free concerts will be presented by the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, Department of Parks and Recreation.

Sunday, July 7—Johnson Park, River Road, Piscataway, from 3-4:30 p.m., Danny Mecca Dixieland Band; **Warren Park**, Florida Grove Rd., Woodbridge from 6-7:30 p.m., Pete Korey and the Big Band (15 pieces); **Spring Lake Park**, Maple Avenue, South Plainfield from 6:30-8 p.m., Fred Wesche's "Billion Dollar Sound."

Wednesday, July 10—Thompson Park, Forsgate Dr., Jamesburg from 2-3:30 p.m., Francine Kane and her

"Gentlemen Friends"; **Raritan Bay Waterfront Park**, O'Leary Blvd., South Amboy from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (rain or shine), an evening of nostalgia with The Jack Allen Orchestra-Sandy Sasso, vocalist.

In the event of rain, concert will be held in South Amboy High School Auditorium. Concerts at Johnson, Spring Lake, Thompson and Warren Parks are co-sponsored by Local #204-373, Local #746 American Federation of Musicians and the Music Performance Trust Fund.

For further information, contact Joseph P. Halmi, Program Coordinator at (732) 745-3936.

IWF Pro Wrestling Fundraiser

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

Take an adrenaline-fueled ride and experience Independent Wrestling Federation live action on Wednesday, July 10 at 7:45 p.m. at the JCC Community Center of Middlesex County, 1775 Oak Tree Rd., Edison.

The family-oriented spectacular, billed "Retribution," is a fundraiser to benefit JCC Youth Activities. Highlighting the card are appearances by several Woodbridge-area wrestling stars.

Former WWF superstar The Patriot headlines the main event in a Lumberjack Match against Iselin's Rob Eckos (aka: Rob Strauss, 18, a 2001 JFK High School graduate and Middlesex County College student). The Patriot wants revenge against the cocky youngster after Eckos turned his back on the fans and aligned himself with the diabolical Winner's Circle.

The Winner's Circle, led by South Plainfield's Mr. Mike Winner (24, a 1996 graduate of South Plainfield High School), looks to continue its path of destruction throughout the IWF.

The IWF Heavyweight Title will be on the line in an unpredictable No Disqualification Match as fun-loving champion Biggie Biggs takes on former champion Kevin Knight.

In other featured bouts, the egocentric Hadrian defends his American Title against Debonair Damian Adams, while the brash Roman squares off against powerhouse Josh Daniels.

There will be a Tag Team Title Match, and other high-flying action featuring Erik Andretti, Felix, Alicia, Shawn



Rob Eckos

Donavan and Pierce St. John. Commissioner AJ Sparxx of Iselin, presides over the action. Tickets are \$15 ringside and \$12 general admission, and will be on sale at the door. Advance tickets are available at the JCC during business hours or online via the IWF web site at WrestlingIWF.com. Kids 12 and under, groups of 8 or more, and JCC members with ID save \$2 per ticket. For further information, call the JCC at (732) 494-3232 or the IWF at (973) 345-7745.

This event serves as IWF Fan Appreciation Day, where fans have a chance to win special door prizes along with other give-a-ways. There will be an autograph and photo session with the wrestlers, and wrestling souvenirs and memorabilia will be available.

Summer Open House At MCC

EDISON High school graduates, students and their families, as well as anyone who is considering taking a course at Middlesex County College, are invited to attend an open house on Thursday, July 25, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the College Center on the Edison campus. Instructors, advisors, administrators and students will conduct workshops, tours and information sessions addressing everything a student needs to know about attending and being successful at Middlesex.

Among the special features will be workshops on dual admissions programs with four-year colleges and universities that offer seamless transition to the bachelor's degree.

Registration to attend the summer open house is not required. For additional information, contact the Office of Admissions at 1-888-YOU-4MCC (1-888-968-4622).

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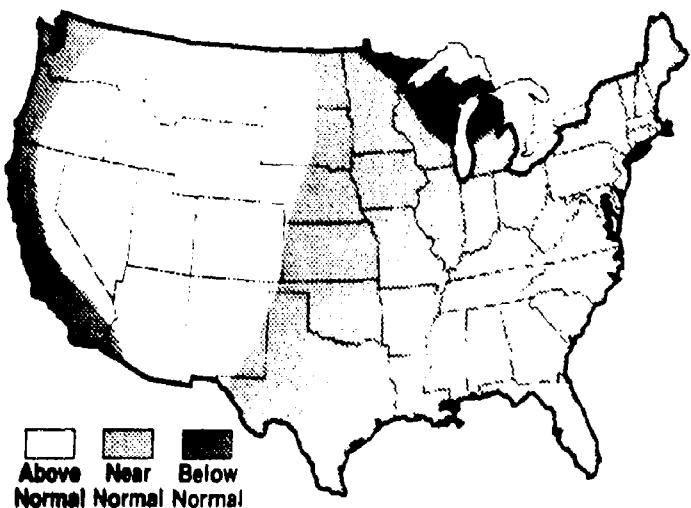
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Cloudy.	Mainly clear.	Sunny and warm.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Sunshine.	Mostly cloudy and warm.	Partial sun and warm.	Partly sunny.
88	66	87/67	83/63	91/69	84/66	84/64	88/62

THE WEEK AHEAD...

NATIONAL SUMMARY

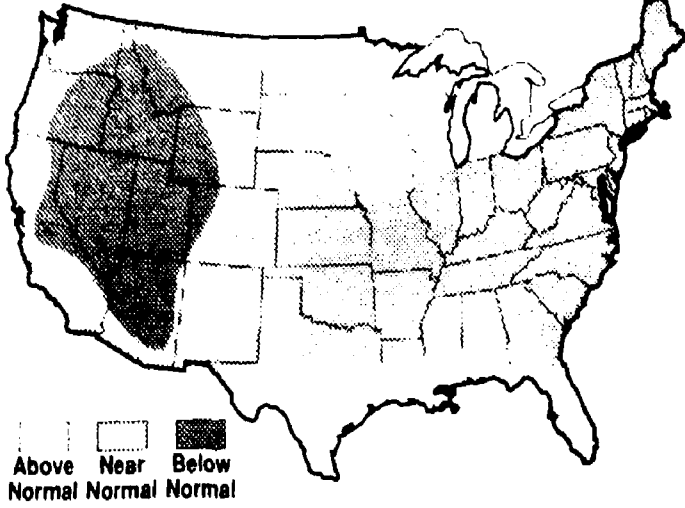
THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures



Hot and dry weather will cover the western third of the country. Temperatures across the Pacific Northwest and Great Basin may average 10 to 20 degrees above normal. Elsewhere, storms will bring rain to the northern Plains, Midwest and Great Lakes. Showers and thunderstorms will be common along the Gulf Coast and across Florida.

Precipitation



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	90	72	pc	92	72	pc	92	72	pc	90	70	c
Boston	88	66	c	80	64	s	79	62	s	86	64	s
Chicago	90	68	pc	90	72	s	94	74	pc	94	74	pc
Cleveland	82	62	s	80	62	s	82	64	s	84	66	t
Denver	84	56	pc	88	58	pc	88	60	pc	90	62	s
Des Moines	92	67	pc	94	70	pc	94	67	pc	96	75	pc
Detroit	88	68	s	88	68	s	83	64	s	83	68	s
Houston	92	74	pc	92	74	pc	92	74	pc	92	74	pc
Indianapolis	85	65	pc	86	68	s	87	67	s	90	73	s
Kansas City	92	68	pc	96	72	pc	101	70	pc	94	74	s
Los Angeles	78	59	pc	78	59	s	87	61	s	86	56	s
Miami	90	78	t	92	78	pc	92	78	pc	91	74	pc
Minn.-St. Paul	86	66	t	84	64	t	84	64	sh	86	66	s
New Orleans	90	78	pc	92	78	pc	92	78	pc	92	76	pc
New York City	88	68	pc	86	66	s	86	68	s	90	70	s
Omaha	92	71	pc	94	74	pc	94	66	pc	96	73	s
Phoenix	105	80	s	105	82	s	107	84	s	107	84	s
San Francisco	71	53	s	71	54	pc	70	55	pc	70	49	pc
Seattle	66	50	c	70	52	pc	72	55	pc	72	52	pc
Washington	90	70	c	88	68	s	88	72	s	93	74	pc

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	5:31 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
Fri.	5:32 a.m.	8:31 p.m.
	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	1:36 a.m.	2:58 p.m.
Fri.	2:01 a.m.	3:59 p.m.

Moon Phases

Last	New	First	Full
July 2	July 17	July 10	July 24

Weather (W)
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,
c-cloudy, sh-showers,
t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
st-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	65	50	pc	62	61	c	67	51	c	63	45	pc
Berlin	66	49	pc	63	55	pc	66	54	r	68	50	c
Buenos Aires	55	45	pc	55	45	c	48	33	sh	46	30	pc
Cairo	102	70	s	106	71	s	103	70	s	96	68	s
Jerusalem	87	60	s	87	60	s	86	58	s	84	57	s
Johannesburg	63	35	pc	66	35	pc	65	35	s	62	38	pc
London	68	53	pc	66	62	r	69	53	c	65	47	pc
Madrid	93	58	pc	90	59	pc	94	60	s	96	62	s
Mexico City	66	63	r	69	62	r	68	57	r	75	53	sh
Moscow	89	65	pc	88	65	pc	80	62	t	81	64	c
Paris	68	50	pc	69	53	pc	73	53	pc	65	46	pc
Rio de Janeiro	74	61	pc	74	59	s	73	63	s	77	66	s
Rome	82	59	pc	83	60	pc	80	61	s	82	64	s
San Juan	89	76	pc	89	75	pc	88	75	pc	88	75	pc
Seoul	86	74	c	83	76	c	80	77	r	83	76	r
Sydney	62	48	pc	70	46	pc	64	38	s	66	43	s
Tokyo	85	75	pc	83	76	c	81	74	r	78	73	r
Toronto	82	58	s	78	58	s	75	64	pc	82	57	pc
Winnipeg	81	63	pc	85	58	r	83	53	s	83	56	s
Zurich	67	50	pc	75	55	pc	72	57	c	71	53	c

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CALENDAR**

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 800-275-4278 or access MAC's Web site www.capemaymac.org. The cost, \$60 per person.

July 10 at 7 p.m.—The Woodbridge Area Chapter of Widows or Widowers (WOWS) will have a business meeting in the Main Public Library, George Frederick Plaza, Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge. Call (732) 297-1775.

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Continuing Job Losses Haunt New Jersey Economy

STATE — The loss of 5,800 private-sector jobs in May has dashed hopes of early recovery in New Jersey, the New Jersey Business & Industry Association said last month.

With May's employment decline, the state's private sector has shed a net total of 36,100 jobs since the recession officially started in July of last year. Most of the job losses have come in the first five months of this year.

"The continuing job losses tell us the recession isn't over yet," said NJBIA President Joe Gonzalez. "The hoped-for-spring turnaround has not materialized, the economy remains sluggish, and companies are still cutting expenses to keep their heads above water."

According to the latest employment report by the NJ Department of Labor, released earlier this week, the state's private sector lost 21,700 jobs in the first five months of this year. That brings the total private-sector employment loss over the

last 11 months to 36,100.

This represents the private sector's largest employment decline in a decade.

Although the unemployment rate fell to 5.4 percent in May from a revised 5.6 percent in April, this one-month change is not useful in judging the current health of the state economy. The unemployment rate is notoriously volatile from month to month and economists consider it useful as a lagging indicator. It is not uncommon for the unemployment rate to rise for several months after a recession has ended. To put the current unemployment rate in perspective, it has risen sharply over the last 16 months, rising approximately two full percentage points since hitting an expansion low of 3.5 percent in February 2001.

The bulk of the employment losses in the current recession have come in the state's beleaguered manufacturing industries, which erased 12,900 jobs in the first five months of this year. This

comes on top of a loss of 26,300 jobs in all of 2001, the steepest one-year drop in a decade.

Manufacturing employment has fallen steadily over the last 20 years. Since hitting a peak of more than 80,000 in 1979, factory jobs have declined by nearly 50 percent to their current level of 425,100. The rate of decline tends to moderate during economic expansion and accelerate during recessions.

Employment in the state's service sector (not including government), which accounts for 80 percent of private-sector employment, has been erratic over the last eleven months. Since hitting a peak of nearly 2.82 million jobs last June, service-sector employment has fallen by 9,900 jobs, a decline of slightly less than a half a percentage point. More tellingly, however, most of that decline (7,000 jobs) has come in the first five months of this year.

Although the construction industry erased 1,800 jobs in the

first five months of this year, it has lost only 100 jobs since the recession started last July. As of May, construction employment stood at 161,100.

A slumping real estate market has contributed to the state's economic malaise. Burdened by a glut of empty office space caused by corporate cost cutting, the vacancy rate has remained flat at 12 percent since late last year. At the top end of the market, vacancy rates have hit 20 percent.

A potential bright spot in the state and national economies is the manufacturing sector. In stark contrast to the last two years, US manufacturing in May grew for the fourth consecutive month. Factory orders have been bolstered, among other things, by continued strength in new home sales. Economists say a sustained turnaround in manufacturing, which led us into the recession, would provide the foundation for a durable economic recovery.

IRS E-File Still Available — Still Fast, Safe, Accurate

AREA — April 15th has come and gone; but for those New Jerseyans who requested an automatic extension of the deadline, it is still tax season. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is reminding these tax filers that IRS e-file (electronic filing) is the fastest, safest and most accurate way to file and is still available until October 15.

Thousands of New Jerseyans requested an automatic extension of the April 15th deadline; giving them until August 15th to file their 2001 return. Some will even have to request an additional extension until October 15.

Taxpayers have two ways to file electronically. First, they can use tax preparation software on their own home computer to file 24 hours a day, seven days a week from the comfort of their home. Second, they can have their return prepared or transmitted by a tax professional that offers electronic filing. They can also simultaneously e-file their New Jersey State income tax return.

For those who wish to prepare their own returns, the IRS offers Internet links to its e-filing partners — companies that offer authorized e-file software for little or no cost. To e-file one's own return, visit the IRS website at irs.gov, click on the blue and yellow IRS

e-file logo, and then select "IRS e-file Partners for Individual Taxpayers." This site provides a listing of approved companies that offer affordable, convenient, user friendly e-file options.

Taxpayers that would rather have their 2001 tax return prepared by an Authorized IRS e-file Provider in their area, should contact their tax preparer or consult the Yellow-Pages under "Tax Preparation." If they have Internet access, visit the IRS website at irs.gov, click on the blue and yellow

IRS e-file logo, and then select "IRS e-file Using a Tax Preparer" (near the bottom of the page). Enter a zip code for a listing of tax professionals or firms in the local area who have been accepted into the IRS electronic filing program.

To take advantage of the accuracy, security, speed and convenience of electronic filing, taxpayers are encouraged to kick the paper habit and use IRS e-file to file their 2001 income tax return and all future returns.

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Evening 701 7155		28-30-31-35-38
TUESDAY, June 25		WEDNESDAY, June 26
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

A Kid's Forum Offers Summer Discounts

METUCHEN Forum Theatre Company's program for children, a Kid's Forum, now in its sixth season, announces an exciting 2002 summer schedule that brings classic children's stories to life on stage.

Substantial discounts are being offered if patrons purchase all three shows through a Kid's Club. Standard \$12 tickets are only \$10 each through this program. Order all three shows in advance and save 20%, and enjoy free exchange privileges should you need to adjust your chosen dates.

The Summer season opens on June 29 with *Cinderella*. This classic tale tells the story of a young woman's triumph over her nasty stepmother and stepsisters. Thanks to a very zany Fairy Godmother, she takes a trip to the Royal Ball in an enchanted coach, and meets her Prince Charming. This delightful and extremely funny interpretation will delight children of all ages.

Following *Cinderella* is the smash hit original musical production of *Three Little Pigs*, returning to the Forum stage July 23 - August 3. Follow the exploits of Porky, Bacon Bits and Oinky as they attempt to avoid the Big Bad Wolf (who happens to bear a strong resemblance to none other than "Elvis.")

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The final production of the summer will be the musical *Snoopy!* Playing on stage August 6 - September 21. All the characters from Charles' Schultz's loveable Peanut Gang come to life as Snoopy and his Sopwith Camel (his doghouse) fight his lifelong enemy, The Red Baron. Be in the Forum audience as Charlie Brown, Lucy, Woodstock and of course, the star of the show, Snoopy sing and dance their way into your hearts. P

A Kid's Forum productions are performed by professional actors (members of Actors' Equity Association, the union for stage performers) with live music, colorful sets and imaginative costuming. Cast members meet and greet the children after each performance, signing autographs and having pictures taken with their new friends from the audience.

All musicals are recommended for children ages 2 and up. All seats are reserved, standard ticket prices are \$12 for everyone with discounts for groups of 20 or more, \$10 for all three shows through the KIDS CLUB. For tickets, call 732.548.0582.

TERRI'S DATING Trips



When I first began the search for a soulmate (my first mistake), I was filled with optimism that I would find a nice man within a reasonable amount of time. I was fresh out of a divorce and believed that dating would be fun! After several dates with a variety of interesting men, I thought I would write a book and entitle it, "The Convents Are Calling. But Why Don't You Call Me Instead?" You see, I still remained hopeful that there was a guy out there who would cause me to forget all those endless bad dates.

Three years have passed since that first date following my divorce, and I have been forced to rethink my original mission. The convents now have a direct phone line to my home, and at any moment I might succumb to their persuasions! I am not a Catholic, but I think the nuns would accept me anyway.

When discussing this with my mother, I said that if I ever joined a convent, I'd probably commit suicide. She was quite adamant when she replied, "You wouldn't be the one committing suicide!" Perhaps my mother and my fellow suitors knew something about me of which I was unaware. Of all the people who know me, my mother is most familiar with my dating woes. I've allayed her fears, telling her that she didn't have to

worry about her daughter having safe sex, because SHE WASN'T HAVING ANY SEX. From the guy who whipped off his shirt and started flexing his pecs and biceps, to the dude who brought his entire portfolio on the first date... I have concluded that PEOPLE ARE FRICKEN WEIRD!!!

I do not have any regrets, because the entertainment provided by such interesting individuals has given me a lifetime of laughter. How many people can honestly say that they have been entertained, free of charge, to the point of losing bladder control on a regular basis? I had always heard that life was tough. Tough? Life is FANTASTIC!!!

Please join me as I retell these wonderful, joyful stories of interactions I've had with very colorful folks. The stories are all true, which you might find difficult to believe. I don't believe that anyone could make up such rich details. I must thank all those men who have enriched my life in ways that I cannot explain.

My First Date as a Single Person

After I got divorced, I figured I'd jump right into the dating scene. My personal ad generated

about 200 responses within 2 days, and I quickly became a mass consumer of goods. I weeded out the "My name is Bubba; let's go 4 wheelin'" and "Do you do married men?" After I narrowed down the list to a manageable group of 10, I thought it was time to get down to business.

The first one I tried was a man who seemed quite intelligent and had an awesome sense of humor. After several emails back and forth, I decided I needed to talk to this one on the phone. Now, a voice is very important, so the initial phone call will be a major factor. When he picked up the phone, he said, "H-h-h-hello." I said, "May I speak to Howard, please?" He replied, "Th-th-th-this is Howard."

Well, we had a long conversation, and due to my hyperactive nature, I found myself filling in his sentences for him. Maybe some men like a perceptive woman? He didn't say he was annoyed and was wondering when we could meet. I said I'd think about it, but I didn't think it was a good idea.

The next day, I was discussing this with a friend (Some friends meddle too much). She told me that I, of all people, was SHALLOW. I retorted, "I am NOT shallow!" I just thought that I would not be able to be patient enough. I know my faults, and impatience is one of them!

The final determination, however, was that I would meet this guy at the Hard Rock Café for drinks. Because it was my first date, I took reinforcements with me - a guy and his wife who sat at a separate table.

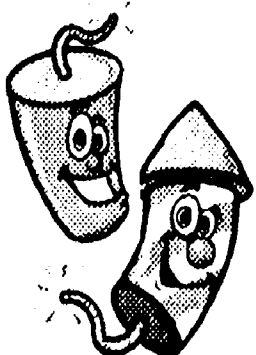
We were sitting at the bar when my date asked me, "D-d-d-do you like h-h-h-hairy men?" HELLO??? What did you just say? I was bewildered, shocked, dismayed, but also curious. So, after a brief bout with catatonia, I asked, "W-w-what do you mean?" I was rather brazen at that point. Well, my date took my hand... (Oh, I'm so glad he didn't place it you-know-where) and placed it on the back of his neck! I was sooo repulsed, and I congratulate myself for not PUKING!!! One good thing at that point, the stuttering did not seem so bad!

After this date, I was not discouraged, because I still had several names from the responses to my ad. And, how could it get any worse than this? Actually, it never got worse... the dates were just different.

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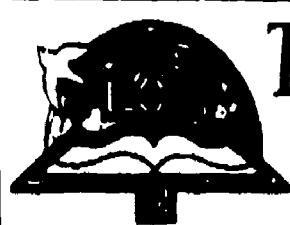
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SUMMER SPECIAL PAGE

Warm Weather Tips For Your Pet

AREA—North Shore Animal League America has provided tips to help keep your pets safe and healthy during the sweltering summer season. The following is a list of some important precautions:

- Never leave your pet in a car, even if it's parked in the shade and the windows are open. A dog's or cat's temperature can rise rapidly and to a dangerous level within a few minutes in a hot car. Heatstroke and even death can then occur.

- Always make sure your pet has fresh, cool, clean water available. Dogs, and even cats, drink more on hot days and water warms up quickly.

- Some dogs do not like to swim. Do not force your dog into the water if he/she is frightened.

- If your dog likes to swim, do not leave him/her unattended. Bathe your dog afterwards to remove all sand, mud and chlorine. Also, be sure all pool chemicals are stored safely out of reach. Make sure your dog can easily exit from the pool when tired. Many above-ground pools are easier to get into than out of.

- Keep all poisonous garden chemicals out of reach of your pet. Read instructions thoroughly and carefully before applying to your lawn or garden.

- Many outdoor plants are poisonous to dogs and cats if ingested; keep your pets away from your garden and do not let them eat any plants.

- Do not allow your dog to hang out the window of a moving car. Objects, such as rocks or

tree limbs, might hit your pet or he/she might fall or jump out.

- Do not allow your animals to ride in the back of a pick-up truck. They may be thrown out or they may jump out.

- Take your pets inside if there is a possibility of a thunderstorm. Loud thunder may frighten them or lightning could strike them.

- Do not walk your dog near fireworks. Besides the obvious danger, the loud noise can be very scary.

- Check your pet daily for fleas and ticks and talk to a veterinarian about preventing these insects from infesting your pet.

- If you are in the yard with your pet, make sure there is a shady area for it to get out of the sun and heat.

Summer Safety Tips

AREA — School's out, pools are open and people across the country are looking for fun ways to cool down as summer temperatures heat up. As you head to the beach, to the pool, or to the mountains for a camping vacation, the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey encourages you and your family to keep safety in mind!

The Red Cross has many water safety tips, but the most basic is to learn to swim. The best thing anyone can do to stay safe in and around the water is to learn to swim. Remember also to always swim with a buddy, never swim alone. Some more tips for the water are:

- Swim in supervised areas only.

- Obey all rules and posted signs.

- Don't mix alcohol and swimming. Alcohol impairs your judgement, balance, and coordination, affects your swimming and diving skills and reduces your body's ability to stay warm.

- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. Stop swimming at the first indication of bad weather.

Whether you are a captain or a passenger on a skiboat, following safety guidelines ensures your safety and that of other seafarers.

- Be weather wise; sudden wind shifts, lightening flashes and choppy water all can mean a

storm is brewing. Bring a portable radio to check weather reports.

- Bring extra gear you may need, including a flashlight, extra batteries, matches, a map of where you are, flares, sun lotion, first aid kit, extra sunglasses. Put those that need to be protected in a watertight pouch or a container that floats.

- Tell someone where you're going, who is with you, and how long you'll be away.

- Then check your boat, equipment, boat balance, engine and fuel supply before leaving.

Summer means fun in the sun! But be safe—don't let a heat-related illness ruin your day. Always drink plenty of water and take frequent breaks when working or playing in the hot weather.

Many families will head to parks and forests this summer to enjoy the great outdoors. But if you're not prepared to rough it in the woods, hiking or camping can be a rough experience. The best way to help guarantee a good time for all is to plan ahead and follow commonsense safety precautions.

For more information on summer safety and being prepared for the heat, contact the American Red Cross of Central New Jersey at (609) 951-8550 or for a complete listing of all summer safety tips, go to our website at www.njredcross.org.

Road Rules: Eating Healthy While On Vacation With The Family

AREA — Whether your family vacation includes a cross-country trek or just a drive across the county line, meal times often occur on the road. To avoid letting unhealthy food choices transform your family getaway into an all-you-can-eat buffet, Weight Watchers offers some tips to help you enjoy your meals while maintaining a healthy diet away from home.

Be wary of the reasonably priced all-you-can-eat buffet.

Large-portioned, high calorie buffets can be a challenge. Limit yourself to one extravagance a day and splurge on the boundless display of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Above all, make wise food choices that ultimately promote good health—it's best to review the entire buffet table before diving in. Remember that loading up will ultimately load you down.

Be prepared for weekend excursion with several hours of guaranteed driving. Drive-thru fast food is a likely cure for hunger pangs, but may not be the best alternative.

Stock up on emergency snacks like biscotti, graham crackers, gingersnaps, popcorn, pretzels or dill pickles. Best of all, keep a bowl of ultimate fast food—fresh fruit and vegetables—on long family drives. Pack small boxes of raisins, mini-peeled carrots and individual

packets of flavored applesauce. So whether your craving is sweet, salty or sour, you should be able to satisfy it with a healthy food choice. When you do stop at the drive-thru, choose wisely.

Include food and scheduled meal breaks into your action-packed itinerary.

Most people want to get the most out of every minute while vacationing, but forget to include a very important necessity: food.

Be sure not to skip meals, or go without eating for long periods. People tend to overeat when they're extremely hungry. Be sure to balance your active schedule with thought-out meal stops throughout the day.

Beat boredom on long cross-

country drives with frequent stops.

Take a short recess at the nearest rest stop to stimulate blood flow and revitalize tired muscles. Stretch your legs by doing a few deep knee bends and walk briskly around the perimeter of the rest stop. Make the impromptu exercise a fun family activity for all to enjoy.

Maintaining your weight on vacation is easier when you're active.

Check in advance to see if your travel destination has an on-site fitness center or offers golf, tennis or hiking. For extended stays consider a weekly pass at the local gym in the area you're visiting.

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ASSEMBLYMAN
**JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
Report
From
Trenton**

As we take time to enjoy the summer during this Fourth of July holiday, we must pause to take stock of what we have as a nation. We need to recognize the great gift that providence has given us in our freedom. Our freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of assembly and freedom from fear.

The last is perhaps the most important. For centuries, we as Americans were free from the fears that plagued almost every other nation. That is, until September 11, 2001.

In confronting that new fear - the fear of terrorism - we need only remind ourselves of the residue that made our nation great. The residue of our forefathers perhaps best represented in the words of Patrick Henry, a young lawyer from Virginia.

"They tell us, sir, that we are weak; unable to cope with so formidable an adversary. But when shall we be stronger? Will it be the next week, or the next year? Will it be when we are totally disarmed, and when a British guard shall be stationed in every house? Shall we gather strength by irresolution and inaction? Shall we acquire the means of effectual resistance by lying supinely on our backs and hugging the delusive phantom of hope, until our enemies shall have bound us hand and foot? Sir, we are not weak if we make a proper use of those means which the God

of nature hath placed in our power. The millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country as that which we possess, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. Besides, sir, we shall not fight our battles alone. There is a just God who presides over the destinies of nations, and who will raise up friends to fight our battles for us. The battle, sir, is not to the strong alone; it is to the vigilant, the active, the brave. Besides, sir, we have no election. If we were base enough to desire it, it is now too late to retire from the contest. There is no retreat but in submission and slavery! Our chains are forged! Their clanking may be heard on the plains of Boston! The war is inevitable - and let it come! I repeat it, sir, let it come.

"It is in vain, sir, to extenuate the matter. Gentlemen may cry, Peace, Peace - but there is no peace. The war is actually begun! The next gale that sweeps from the north will bring to our ears the clash of resounding arms! Our brethren are already in the field! Why stand we here idle? What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty or give me death!"

Those unforgettable, moving words we true at the dawn of America's Revolution and they are true today. My wish for everyone is a happy and healthy 4th of July and May God Bless America.

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A Date To Remember

Dear Editor,

The Declaration of Independence!...It was the first solemn declaration by a nation of the only legitimate foundation of civil government! It was the cornerstone of a new fabric, destined to cover the surface of the globe.

It swept away the accumulated rubbish of centuries of servitude.

It announced, in practical form to the world, the transcendent truth of the inalienable sovereignty of the people. It provided that the social compact was no figment of the imagination, but a real, solid and sacred bond of the social union.

From the day of this declaration, the people of North

America were no longer the fragment of a distant empire, imploring justice and mercy from an inexorable master in another hemisphere. They were no longer children appealing in vain to the sympathies of a heartless mother; no longer subjects leaning upon the shattered columns of royal promises, and invoking the faith of parchment to secure their rights! They were a nation, asserting as a right and maintaining by war, its own existence.

The nation was born in a day!

It will be acted over, fellow-citizens, but it can never be repeated.

The words of John Adams are worth repeating. We are at war again with evil that hates our freedoms and wants to destroy us. During our revolution some 30 percent were patriots, some

30 percent defended the Royalists and the other 30 percent were not concerned about events. So it is today. We see some concerned Americans waving their flags.

We also see some confused people who do not understand the evils that we face.

No enemy has the right to use our freedoms to destroy our freedoms. May this Independence Day celebration cause the confused among us to think about the principles of our founding fathers and to stand up for them. We were born free. But freedom is not free. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. It was so at our beginnings and it is so today.

Happy July 4th and freedom! May God bless America forever!

**John Sabol
Iselin**

Ninth Circuit Court Decision Ruling Pledge Unconstitutional Won't Stand

Dear Editor:

This decision is ridiculous, responding to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that the Pledge of Allegiance is unconstitutional.

If the word 'God' makes the Pledge unconstitutional, aren't the oaths taken by witnesses in the very same courtrooms also unconstitutional?

Do these judges believe that United States currency, which has the statement 'In God we Trust' engraved on it, somehow violates the Constitution?

Each session of Congress starts with a prayer. What would

they have us believe, that our elected representatives who took an oath are also in violation of our Constitution?

Are these judges saying that millions of American schoolchildren are to be deprived of the privilege of reciting the Pledge of Allegiance because one person and two judges are offended by the mention of God?

If the pledge is unconstitutional, so is the Declaration of Independence, since it refers to 'nature's God,' a 'Creator' and the 'protection of divine providence.'

We, the American people know this is wrong. We will not

be swayed by the twisted logic of judges who have taken prayer out of schools and ruled that burning our nation's flag is speech.

This decision cannot stand.

We believe the American people will not allow it to stand.

And The American Legion will stand with the American people all the way to the Supreme Court..

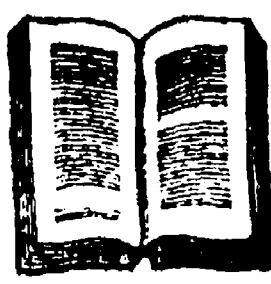
**Gene Buser
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The Universal Language?

I believe Ms. Angela Salazar should deliver her speech at the New Brunswick High School graduation exercises in English. And only in English! Or not at all!

We have enough trouble understanding each other in English. Any other language complicates matters and exacerbates differences among ourselves. We risk becoming a Tower of Babel. This can lead to the disintegrating of a united nation. If Spanish today, why not other languages tomorrow?

Since the founding of this great nation millions of immigrants have been coming to these golden shores



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by Peter Book

with their own languages and customs. They all strived to learn English and become good and patriotic citizens. None were deprived of their heritage, customs or language. But when it came to official and public communications it was in English!

English is the universal language of the world except in the cities of Perth Amboy and New

Brunswick. I walk the downtown Smith Street in Perth Amboy and I feel I am in the third world. I am a stranger in my own home town. The faces are foreign and often rude and hostile. I am often looked on as an intruder. It is the same feeling I had in downtown Guayaquil, Ecuador, back in the early 1970s. The sign "Yanquis, Fuera," may not be visible here but the spirit is here! We had stopped there on our way to Tahiti to fly an airplane with 38 race horses from New Zealand to New York via Vancouver, British Columbia.

Ms. Salazar ought to be thankful and grateful that she has been able to obtain the benefits of an education at taxpayers' expense.

NEWS

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Woman Takes Back Money From Thief

EDISON Last week, a woman foiled a would-be robber.

The young female customer had gone to the Oak Tree Road branch of PNC bank around 1:30 p.m. on June 18. According to police, the customer was filling out a deposit slip for \$9,000 at the courtesy counter. The would-be robber pointed out that two dollars had fallen on the floor.

When the woman bent over to pick them up, he grabbed the remaining money from the counter and attempted to flee.

The woman fought hard for her money, according to police. She grabbed the thief and held on until he dropped the cash. The man broke free when she dove for the money, according to police.

Police described the would-be thief as an Asian-Indian male, about 5' 6", with a thin build in his 20s.



IN MEMORIAM — Caldwell College recently dedicated and installed a statue of St. Francis of Assisi outside the Jennings Library in memory of Allan Nelson, Ph.D., professor emeritus of history and political science, who passed away in January 2001. Faculty, staff, students and alumni all contributed funding for the memorial statue. Dr. Nelson, who concluded a 34-year career at the College in 1997, taught thousands of students Western Civilization, European, African and American history. After his retirement he also taught Life Long Learning courses for a brief time. From left, are his daughter, Anna Nelson of South Orange, who graduated from the college in 1988, his son, Chris Nelson of Edison and his daughter Margaret Rego of South Orange.

Start Thinking About Summer

PERTH AMBOY—Just a reminder that members and friends of the Perth Amboy YMHA Senior Club will enjoy summer at they have in the past with special parties and trips in July and August, all for very special low prices.

Watch for their programs; then give them a call if you are interested. The trips leave from the Y, 316 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy, or you may call for information at (732) 442-0365.

Perth Amboy Receives \$100,000 For Neighborhood Preservation Program

PERTH AMBOY The NJ Department of Community Affairs has awarded Perth Amboy an additional \$100,000 grant through its Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP). The city first received a \$125,000 NPP grant in July of 1997 to help address home and infrastructure needs in the aging neighborhood bordered by Smith, Market, Elm and Herbert Streets.

The additional \$100,000 for each of the next four years, based on its performance and the administration of its programs. Given the success of the program, the state has extended the city's funding with this latest grant installment, which represents the sixth year of funding that the city has received to continue these vital programs in the targeted neighborhood.

The NPP's work will also aug-

The city was also promised an

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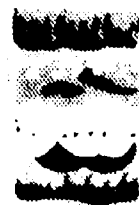
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OBITUARIES

Richard Hodan, 72 of Fords

Mr. Richard "Anchor" Hodan of Fords, died June 3 at his home. He was 72.

He was a lifelong resident of Fords.

Mr. Hodan was a 1949 graduate of Woodbridge High School.

He was a professional minor-league baseball player in Emporia, Va.

He served in the Navy aboard the USS Coral Sea during the Korean War.

Mr. Hodan had been employed as a sales supervisor for Carborundum Corp. in Keasbey and M&T Chemicals in Rahway and then as head custodian for the Woodbridge Board of Education, mainly at Woodbridge High School for 10 years.

His most recent employment was the Parkway Corp. of Philadelphia, as supervisor of the Park & Ride in Cranbury.

Mr. Hodan was a member of the Hungarian Reformed Church in Perth Amboy, where he served on the church council for many years and was a member of the Men's Club of the church.

Mr. Hodan had also been a member of the Umpires Federation of Perth Amboy.

His parents, Peter and Mary (Balog) Hodan, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Barbara Louise (Williams) Hodan; a son, Richard W. Hodan, of Fords, and a sister, Arlene Sabo, also of Fords.

Lottie Millen, 92 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Lottie Millen of Perth Amboy died June 7 at Perth Amboy Nursing Home, where she resided since 1985. She was 92.

Born in Halifax County, Va., she resided in Metuchen for over 40 years.

She was formerly a member of the Second Baptist Church in Metuchen.

Four brothers, William, James, Harry and Louis Coleman, are all deceased.

Surviving are a host of nieces and nephews.

Rose M. Ragonese of Edison

Mrs. Rose M. (Repace) Ragonese of Edison died June 2 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. She was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there before moving to Edison 55 years ago.

She was employed as a seamstress at Princeton Shirt Factory in Hopelawn for 30 years, retiring 15 years ago.

Mrs. Ragonese was a communicant of Guardian Angels R.C. Church in Edison.

Her husband, Carmelo, died in 1998.

She is survived by two daughters, Rosalie J. Mason of Jamesburg and Lucille Williams of Fall River, Mass.; two brothers, Carmen Repace of Lyons and Larry Repace; a sister, Concetta Repace of Lyons; four grandchildren, Angela Mason, Larry Mason Jr., Albert Williams Jr. and Lorian Williams, and two great-grandchildren.

Grace Neiner, 79 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Grace (Mullins) Neiner of Perth Amboy died June 9, 2002, at her residence. She was 79.

Born in Fords, she was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

She was co-owner of Ohara Press in Perth Amboy, and co-owner and later owner of Mullins Spring Water Company in Perth Amboy for many years.

She was a 1940 graduate of Perth Amboy High School, and a captain of the cheerleaders in 1940. She was Junior Tennis champion of N.J. in 1939, served for many years at Raritan Yacht Club Ladies Auxiliary, served on Raritan Yacht Club board of governors, auxiliary member of Raritan Bay Medical Center, Pa., and a member of Deborah.

Her husband, Joseph William Neiner, died in 1979.

Surviving are two daughters, Vicky Jo Neiner of Perth Amboy, and Randi Neiner of Moraga, Ca.; a sister, Catherine Siddons, and two grandchildren, David and Larissa Durkin.

Helen P. Surick, 78 of Carteret

Mrs. Helen P. Surick of Carteret died June 7 after suffering a stroke. She was 78.

Born in Carteret, she moved to Florida 11 years ago.

Surviving are her husband John of Sanford, Fla., her daughter, Ellen Adamowicz; two grandchildren, Caitlin and Bobby Adamowicz, all of Lak Mary, Fla.; and her brother, James Foxe, and sister, Eileen Brennan, both of Carteret.

Dolores Nemeth, 75 of Edison

Dolores L. (Conrad) Nemeth of Edison died June 11 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 75.

Born in Newark, she lived there before moving to Edison 46 years ago. She was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of St. Matthew's R.C. Church in Edison.

She is survived by her husband, William A. Nemeth; six sons, Richard of North Brunswick, John of South Brunswick, Joseph and Paul, both of Edison, James of Freehold and Robert of the Highlands; six daughters, Joan Bromisk of Parlin, Barbara Redman of Mississippi, Janet Dunlap of Florida, Karen Lotesto of Maryland, Dawn Columbaris of Pocono, Pa., and Valerie Gregory of Bricktown; a brother, August Conrad of Garwood; 23 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Adrian Ramirez, 72 of Carteret

Mr. Adrian Ramirez of Carteret died June 1 at Amboy Care Center in Perth Amboy. He was 72.

Born in Puerto Rico, he lived in Carteret for the past 30 years.

He was a communicant of St. Joseph R.C. Church, Carteret.

His two brothers, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, the former Arcadia (Caban) Ramirez; two daughters, Maria Pacheco and Nilda Ramirez, both of Carteret; and two grandchildren.

Jane Kistler of Metuchen

Jane Kistler of Metuchen died June 1 at the Reformed Church Home in Old Bridge.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., she resided in Metuchen most of her life before moving into the Reformed Church Home, where she resided for the past four years.

Mrs. Kistler was a member of the Reformed Church of Metuchen, where she belonged to the Women's Guild and the choir. She also had been a deacon at the church.

Her husband, William, died in 1997. Surviving are her son, William of Metuchen; two daughters, Bonnie Beresford of Metuchen and Carol Sorg of Piscataway; a sister, Ruth Bogdan of Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Leslie Les Aronow of Colonia

Leslie N. Les Aronow of Colonia died June 3 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. He was 57.

Born in Newark, he lived in Hillside and Edison before moving to Colonia 15 years ago.

He was a partner and manager with his son, Adam, of Party Patrol DJs in Metuchen for 14 years.

He was also a sales associate at Rahway Lumber for 15 years.

Earlier, he worked for Summit Subs, Summit, and Bernies Subs, Metuchen, and was active with Hot Dog Haven, a family-owned business in Newark for 10 years.

Mr. Aronow was a member of the Union County chapter of the Mens Bowling Association of New Jersey.

Surviving are his wife, Francine; a son, Adam; his mother, Pearl Aronow, and sisters, Frances Pechnik and Beverly Samuels.

Margaret Ciannamea of Sewaren

Mrs. Margaret (Crismale) Ciannamea of Sewaren died June 6 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was 92.

Born in Italy, she had resided in Sewaren for the past 17 years.



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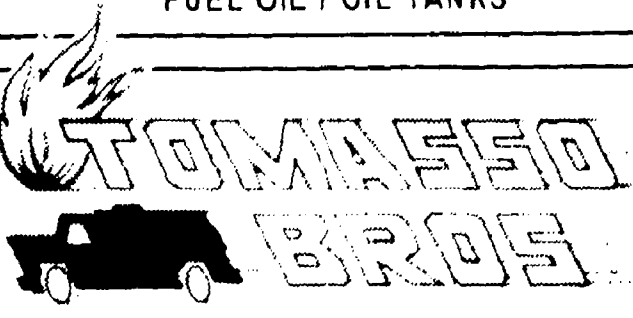
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Oct. 11 at 8:30 a.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to Platzl Brauhaus "Oktoberfest." The bus leaves at 8:30 a.m. from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. The cost is \$50 per person. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations.

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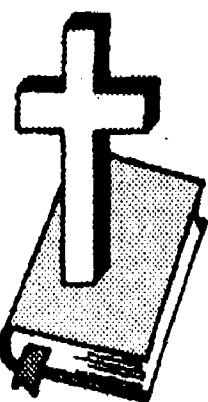
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

NEWS

Neighborhood Preservation Program continued

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ment the ongoing improvements that the city is conducting in other areas of the Dublin neighborhood. Two years ago, the city successfully completed the construction of an industrial bypass road that removed over 400 trucks per day from the area's residential streets. Now the city has begun to reconstruct the battered streets in the area by replacing the sidewalks and curbing, adding new trees and completely milling and resurfacing all of the side streets south of

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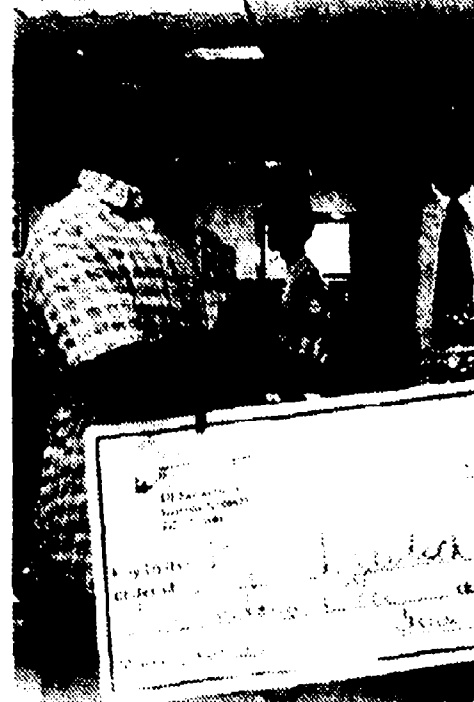
Raritan Bay FCU Awards Scholarships

SAYREVILLE—Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union awarded a \$500 scholarship to three outstanding local high school students.

Scholarships on behalf of Raritan Bay FCU were awarded to Kyle Deutsch, graduate of Sayreville Memorial High School, and Mary Horezga, graduate of Cardinal McCarrick High School.

Edward Beshada III, graduate of South Amboy High School, was awarded a \$500 scholarship on behalf of Credit Union member John T. Lindson, in loving memory of his late wife, Marion Lindson.

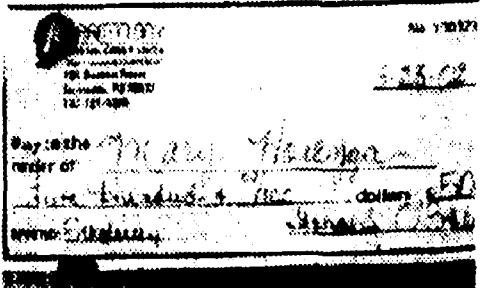
Lindson has been awarding this scholarship every year since 2000. His desire is that the scholarship be given to an all-around, worthy South Amboy High School senior each spring.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNER—Kyle Deutsch receives a check for \$500 from Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union.

The scholarships were offered to all high school seniors, who are Credit Union members in good standing. Students competed against other student Credit Union members in Sayreville, South Amboy and South River. Winners were selected based on scholastic achievement, extra curricular and community activities, teacher references, leadership qualities and written essays.

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Widener University Graduate

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