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Local Legislators Announce Plans for South Amboy Train Station

SOUTH AMBOY—On May 29, Department of Transportation Commissioner and NJ TRANSIT Board Chairman Jamie Fox joined Senator Joseph F. Vitale, Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski, South Amboy Mayor Jack O'Leary and NJ TRANSIT Executive Director George Warrington to announce a multi-phased safety improvement program at South Amboy Rail Station.

After discussions with local legislators earlier this month, Executive Director Warrington committed to implementing immediate and long-term safety measures at the station to ease their concern about the safety of the 1,200 customers who use the

station daily, as well as the local residents and visitors who walk around the station.

"Governor McGreevey is committed to fixing things first in the state following years and years of talk and no action. Constructing a new and more convenient pedestrian overpass has always been in the plans for the South Amboy Station, but had no funding. Well, dedicated funding is in place, and the new walkway is right around the corner," said Fox.

"I am gratified that NJ TRANSIT and the Department of Transportation have located the resources to fund this much needed and long awaited pedestrian safety project in the City of South Amboy," said

Wisniewski, who is Chairman of the Assembly Transportation Committee.

The multi-phased safety program includes increased signage at the Augusta Street crossing, audible safety alerts, and awarding of the pedestrian safety overpass contract by Fall 2002. Construction is then planned to take 14 months at a cost of \$6.2 million dollars. The project includes two elevators, stairs, and a pedestrian plaza. Also, improved at-grade crossings will be built at Stevens Street.

On May 6, 2002, Kathleen Osowski was killed while walking around a lowered gate to catch a New York bound train when she was struck by a train traveling in the opposite direc-



Assemblyman
John Wisniewski

tion. While all safety systems were working correctly at the crossing, NJ TRANSIT has agreed to implement the additional safety measures to help prevent future incidents.

School Marches For Babies

SOUTH AMBOY For the third year in a row, South Amboy High School raised more money than any other school in Middlesex County for the March of Dimes.

During the March of Dimes annual Walk America fund-raiser, South Amboy High School students raised more than \$12,500 \$3,400 more than they raised last year, according to teacher Octavia Zampella.

Approximately 115 students and two dozen staff members and parents participated in the walk, held at the Livingston

campus of Rutgers University on April 28.

Sandee Campanaro of the Central New Jersey chapter of the March of Dimes said that 16 schools in the Middlesex County area participated. Both Zampella and Campanaro noted that South Amboy High School, which has about 550 students, raised a large amount of money for its size.

The March of Dimes is a non-profit group which supports research and programs to help babies born prematurely or with birth defects.

Local Primaries Quiet

AREA Tuesday's primary elections were fairly quiet because there were no challengers in any area local elections.

For the two open spots on the county Board of Chosen Freeholders, Democratic incumbents David B. Crabiel and Camille Fermeola will face Republicans Joe Paone and Roger Craig in November.

In South Amboy, Democratic Mayor John L. O'Leary and his city council ticket faced no opposition in the primary. No Republicans filed to run in the primary for local office.

O'Leary is seeking his fifth four-year term, Council President

Fred A. Henry, who has served on the council since 1992, is seeking another four-year term. Rounding out the ticket is Joseph E. Connors, who chairs the city's Planning Board.

All five council seats are held by Democrats.

In Sayreville, Republican Borough Council President Frank Makransky and Councilman Vincent Zarcaro Jr. will face Democrats Jeff Pawlowski and Dennis Grobelny for the two three-year council seats in November.

Headed by a Republican mayor, the six member council is split evenly between Republicans and Democrats.

In Metuchen, Democratic incumbents Marion Price and Thomas Vahalla will face Republicans Lewis Levy and Jennifer Lacy for the two open three-year seats on the Borough Council.

Price is seeking her second term and Vahalla is trying for a fourth term. Levy ran unsuccessfully for council in 2000.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Nurse Of The Year Honor Award

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Bayshore Community Hospital's Noreen Schifano, RN, BSN, CEN, emergency department nurse, was recognized as this year's recipient of the Hospital's *Nurse of the Year Award*. This award is presented annually to one outstanding nurse based upon his/her overall performance and contributions to the Hospital and community.

Nominated by Pattie Anne Caslow, RN, BSN, NCC for the emergency department, Schifano was given the award for her outstanding, ongoing efforts in the Hospital's emergency department, for her active participation in the New Jersey Chapter of the Emergency Nurses Association (ENA) and for her perseverance in pursuing every educational opportunity that she could to continue to grow professionally.

"It is an honor and privilege to have received this award for something I have loved doing my entire life. If I had to do it all over again, I would still have chosen nursing as my profession," relayed Schifano. "Nursing is extremely challenging, and the rewards far outweigh the hurdles. I have found that happiness is not what you can do to help yourself but what you can do to help others. I try to do my job the best of my ability every day in order to provide the best of care to my patients, to their families



NURSE OF THE YEAR—Award winner Noreen Schifano, RN, BSN, CEN (C, with flowers) is surrounded by (L-R.) Bud Mullaney, member, board of trustees for Bayshore Community Hospital, Raimonda Clark, RN, VP Operations for Bayshore Community Health Services; Pattie Anne Caslow, RN, BSN, NCC and immediate past award recipient; Wendy E. Brown, director of nursing at Bayshore Community Hospital and Michael Teehan, assistant vice president of nursing, Bayshore Community Hospital.

and to make a difference in their lives."

Schifano began her nursing career in 1969 when she graduated from Mt. Vernon Hospital School of Nursing, Mt. Vernon, N.Y. She began working as an obstetrics nurse at the Union Hospital, in the Bronx and then moved on to St. Patrick's Home for the Aged also in the Bronx before starting her family.

After a ten year hiatus, she came to Bayshore Community Hospital and worked as a float nurse until she began working more frequently in the emer-

gency department where she has remained since 1984.

Schifano earned her CEN (certified emergency nurse) certification from the national division of the ENA in 1997, continued on to earn her BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) degree at Monmouth University, West Long Branch in 2001 and is currently enrolled in the MSN (Master of Science in Nursing) degree at Monmouth University. She also holds a TNCC (Trauma Nurse Core Curriculum) certification also through the ENA.

Another one of her credits is that she is an EN CARE (Emergency Nurses CARE),

advocate. EN CARE is a division of the ENA Injury Prevention Institution whose mission is to reduce preventable injuries and deaths by educating the public in order to raise awareness and promote healthy lifestyles.

Schifano is one of several Bayshore ED nurses who volunteer their lecturing at local schools, particularly just prior to prom time.

The program is aimed at reducing the number of injuries, fatalities and crashes due to drinking and driving.

Schifano has three children and currently lives in Aberdeen with her husband.

"Kids In The Park" Workshop

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

— The Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks & Recreation have announced the dates of the popular Kids-In-The-Park Creative Drama Workshop for children ages 8-11 which is held in Woodbridge every July and August.

Now in its 14th year, the program consisted of two three-week sessions of Theater Games, Arts & Crafts, Music and Dance, designed to be both a recreational experience, and an introduction to theater. The workshop is held at the Warren Park Amphitheater on Florida Grove Road, Woodbridge.

The dates are as follows:
Session 1: July 8-26;
Session 2: July 29-August 16. Children are admitted on a first-come, first-served basis; there is often a waiting list. The cost per child for the three-week session is \$30; children attend three days a week, from 9 a.m.-12 Noon.

Gary Charwin, the program director, will once again be joined by his staff of instructors who are specialists in Children's Theater.

Those interested in receiving an application by mail or fax may call (732) 548-2884 and press option #4 for Kids-In-The-Park.

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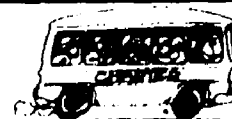
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Trenton Thunder Bus Trip



SOUTH AMBOY—The Knights of Columbus, Our Lady of Victory Council #2061, Sayreville, are sponsoring a bus trip to the Trenton Thunder

baseball game on Saturday, June 22. The bus leaves promptly at 5 p.m. and the game starts at 7:05

p.m. The cost of the bus and the game ticket is \$20, for adults and \$18 for children. Baseball Bingo will be played and a fire-

works display is planned after the game. Tickets are limited and the first 90 paid are guaranteed a seat. Call for further details or to arrange tickets, contact Dan Ronan at (732) 727-2010 or Joe Rochford at (732) 525-1768.

Edison Resident To Attend FDU

EDISON—Jared Gladstone will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham this fall. He is the son of Al and Robyn Gladstone.

Fairleigh Dickinson University has two uniquely different campuses in northern New Jersey, offering more than 50 different associate and baccalaureate programs and special accelerated programs.

The University's College at Florham, located on the former Vanderbilt-Twombly estate in suburban Madison (Morris County), offers undergraduates a classic experience for the contemporary world in a small college setting. Its focus is on providing outstanding on-campus and residential living opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, strong graduate and professional school preparation and



Jared Gladstone

customized educational options—all framed by a global perspective.

Gladstone will graduate from J.P. Stevens High School in 2002 and plans to major in electronic film making and digital video design.

Excellence Awarded

SOUTH AMBOY—On Friday, May 10, Rahway Hospital announced that Sayreville resident Lois Grimm, RN, was the winner of the Clinical Excellence Award in a ceremony held during National Nurses Week.

The hospital's Patient Services Recruitment and Retention Committee developed the Clinical Excellence Award to acknowledge and encourage the development of excellent clinical nursing practice and professionalism.

"Its dual design was to provide support to the staff nurse in maintaining his/her high standard of care and to further demonstrate administration's

appreciation of their pursuit for excellence," explained Nancy Abel, Rahway Hospital Nursing Resource Coordinator, during her remarks at the event.

Their fellow staff nurses nominated the honorees, which included (L.-R.) Theresa Dobbins, Denise Gerhab, Lois Grimm, Mabel Kofi, Luz Mercado, Audrey Silovitch, Diane Strickland and Joanne Wilkinson. Nominees were scored in 11 separate categories that dealt with attendance, committee involvement, continuing education, patient satisfaction, leadership skills, mentoring and preceptorship and problem solving.



CLINICAL EXCELLENCE—Lois Grimm, RN, Sayreville, receives the Clinical Excellence award from Nurse Manager Debra Koznowicz (L.) and Arlene Tomchik, vice president, Patient Services.

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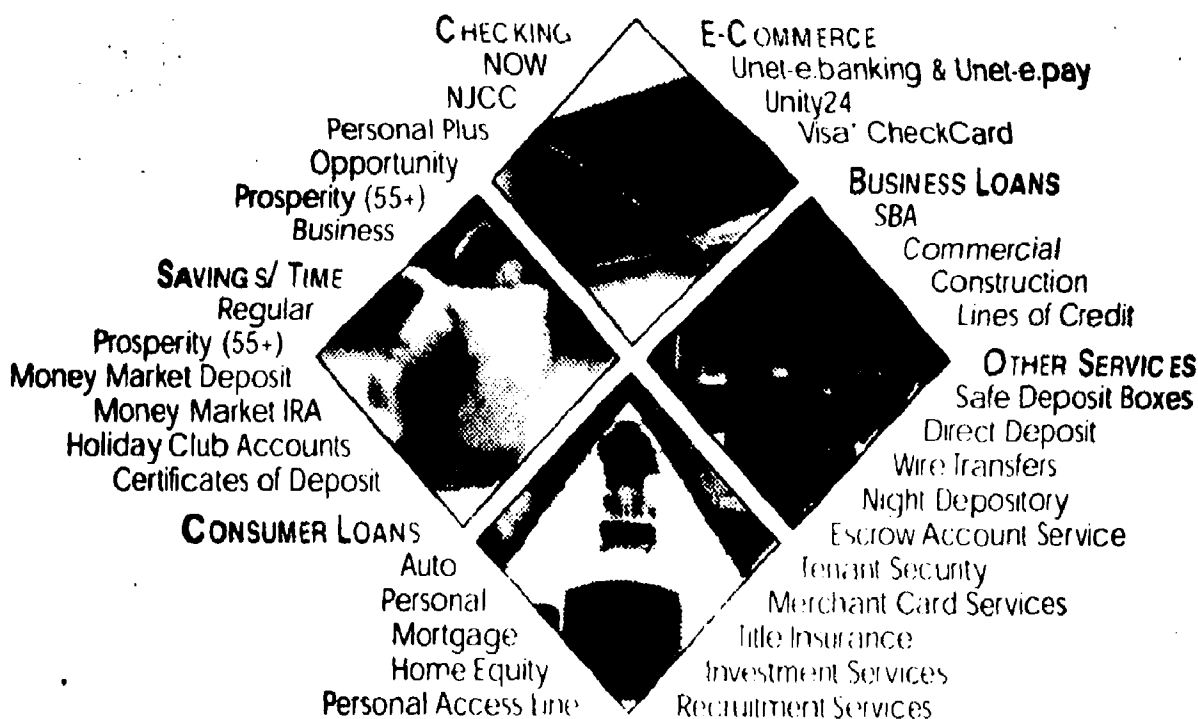
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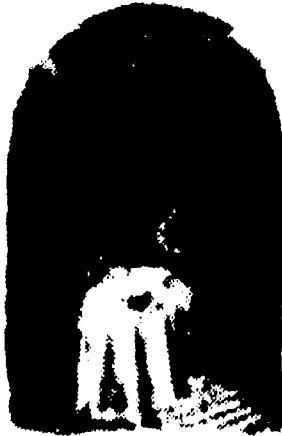
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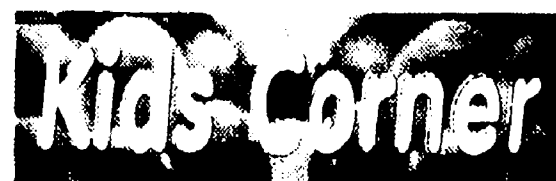
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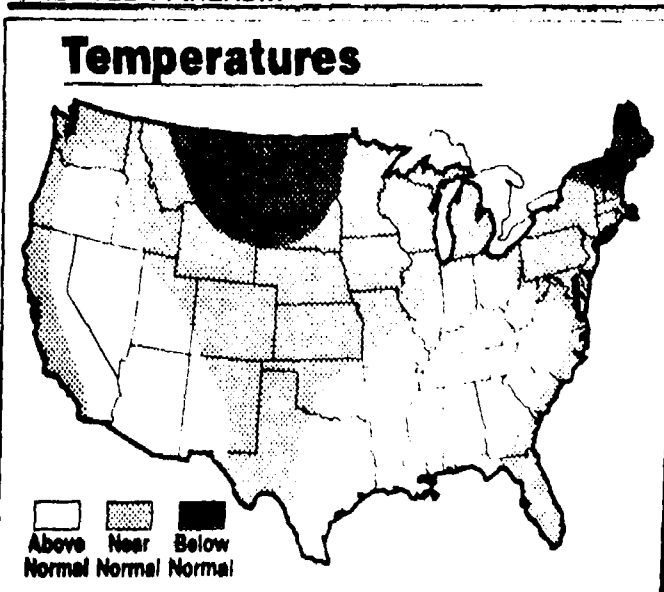
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Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
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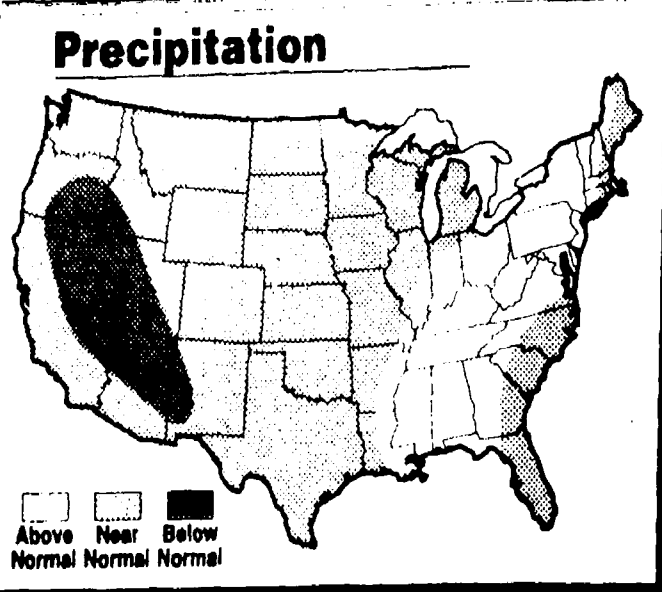
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm weather will exist across the Great Basin, Northwest, Southeast and Ohio Valley during the period. Temperatures across the Northwest may average 10 to 20 degrees above normal. Storms will bring rain to parts of the Midwest, Tennessee Valley and Northeast. Dry weather will continue to plague the Southwest and Great Basin.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	84 62 t	86 66 c	84 64 c	82 62 c
Boston	68 56 sh	70 54 sh	70 57 c	72 53 c
Chicago	74 54 s	82 58 s	86 64 pc	90 68 pc
Cleveland	70 52 pc	72 52 s	76 56 s	80 64 pc
Denver	82 55 s	94 56 pc	81 50 s	75 41 s
Des Moines	78 55 pc	86 58 s	92 59 s	92 52 pc
Detroit	74 56 c	76 54 s	78 57 s	75 65 c
Houston	86 72 pc	88 70 s	90 70 s	90 70 pc
Indianapolis	72 52 pc	78 55 s	82 59 c	78 66 c
Kansas City	78 58 s	84 64 s	92 62 s	90 54 pc
Los Angeles	86 61 s	84 61 s	85 61 s	85 58 s
Miami	88 76 c	88 75 sh	88 76 c	89 77 c
Minn.- St. Paul	76 58 pc	78 60 t	76 58 t	74 54 r
New Orleans	86 74 pc	88 72 pc	88 73 s	90 65 s
New York City	76 60 c	78 60 sh	80 62 pc	75 64 sh
Omaha	78 54 s	86 58 s	92 58 s	92 46 t
Phoenix	106 80 s	106 78 s	104 76 s	106 76 s
San Francisco	75 54 s	73 53 s	75 55 s	75 63 s
Seattle	66 48 pc	63 48 c	66 49 pc	66 52 c
Washington	82 64 sh	80 60 sh	82 62 c	81 69 sh

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 5:27 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Fri. 5:27 a.m.	8:25 p.m.

Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 3:11 a.m.	4:11 p.m.
Fri. 3:34 a.m.	5:12 p.m.

Moon Phases	New	First	Full	Last
June 10	June 17	June 24	July 2	

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

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	69 52 c	68 50 pc	63 52 c	69 57 c
Berlin	77 64 t	73 61 r	71 54 c	70 55 c
Buenos Aires	52 41 pc	57 41 pc	58 42 s	62 49 pc
Cairo	94 61 s	98 67 s	104 70 s	102 67 s
Jerusalem	82 56 s	89 62 s	94 64 s	93 62 s
Johannesburg	62 39 pc	63 39 pc	61 39 pc	66 43 pc
London	69 51 pc	63 51 c	64 55 c	68 58 c
Madrid	73 48 pc	81 51 pc	86 56 s	90 56 s
Mexico City	69 61 sh	70 57 sh	71 59 r	78 59 c
Moscow	70 43 pc	71 49 s	71 51 s	75 54 s
Paris	59 47 pc	65 51 pc	63 52 c	73 57 s
Rio de Janeiro	78 66 pc	79 66 pc	79 63 pc	76 63 pc
Rome	69 57 sh	73 53 c	73 56 pc	75 58 pc
San Juan	87 76 pc	87 77 c	87 75 c	86 75 pc
Seoul	87 67 pc	87 67 s	85 67 pc	85 67 pc
Sydney	72 56 pc	75 52 c	65 42 s	67 44 s
Tokyo	73 62 s	81 71 s	82 67 s	78 73 pc
Toronto	62 41 pc	64 47 s	68 55 pc	71 58 c
Winnipeg	77 54 pc	80 54 pc	65 51 r	59 38 r
Zurich	63 46 c	62 48 c	64 50 sh	72 56 c

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 8 from 8 p.m.-Midnight—St. Stan's Summer Polka Party featuring Charm City Sound from Maryland, will be held at St. Stan's Auditorium, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Refreshments available, cash bar. Advance tickets-\$11 per person; tickets at the door, \$13 per person. For tickets, call Connie at 651-6391, Bernice at 257-8298, Bernice at 727-0082 or the church office at 254-0212. Proceeds benefit the School Endowment Fund.

June 10-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Immunology and Infectious Diseases Department is sponsoring HIV support group meeting at the RBMC, 530 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy. Call (732) 324-5082.

June 10-Raritan Bay Healthcare Foundation will be holding their 21st Annual Golf Classic at the Metuchen Golf & Country Club, Plainfield Avenue, Edison. For additional information call (732) 324-5374.

June 12 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.-Diabetes Support Group will be held in Auxiliary Hall C. Old Bridge Medical Arts Building, adjacent to the medical center, off of Ferry Road, between routes 9 and 18. To register, call (800) 624-655.

June 13 from 7-9 p.m.-Raritan Bay Medical Center and the Friends Health Connections will present a program in Centennial Hall, Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy. Cost for the program is \$10 Call (732) 324-5098.

June 17-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Immunology and Infectious Diseases Dept. is sponsoring a HIV support group at Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy. Call to register at (732) 324-5082.

June 17 from 7-9 p.m.-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Cardiac Club will hold a meeting at 530 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy. (Calendar continues on page...17)

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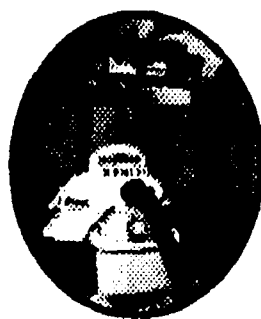
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Saving For A DOWN PAYMENT

AREA—Saving for a down payment is a challenging step to becoming a homeowner. According to Fannie Mae's 2001 National Housing Survey, 16 percent of Americans are currently saving money in hopes of achieving the American dream.

"Many potential homebuyers can afford a monthly mortgage payment, but lack funds for a down payment," said John Stasche, regional manager over the Rahway area for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage.

"There are mortgages available now that require little or no money down, and these



mortgages are helping many people become homeowners. However, there are still homebuyers who would prefer to save for a down payment."

Stasche said the hardest part about saving for a home is getting started, and offered the following tips to make saving for a down payment easier:

- **Pay off high-interest debt.** Consumers do not need to be free of debt to buy a home. However, consumers may save more in the long run by paying off high interest rate loans or debts that are accumulating interest. For some consumers, the easiest way to tackle this is to pay off debts with the lowest balances first. This provides a sense of achievement and a feeling of progress as each debt is paid off.

- **Make the savings automatic.** Sticking to a budget is difficult because of the temptation to purchase items that provide immediate gratification. It may be easier for you to have a portion of your paycheck automatically deposited into a savings or investment account. Many employers that offer direct deposit also provide the option to allocate funds to more than one account.

- **Maximize the return on your savings.** Consider depositing your down payment savings in a short-term investment fund with the potential for a higher rate of return than a savings account, such as stocks, bonds or mutual funds. This may help your down payment fund grow faster. In addition, an investment fund is not as easily accessible as a savings account, which may help prevent impulse spending.

- **Save tax returns and bonuses.** It is tempting to go on a shopping spree when you receive a tax return, a large commission or a bonus. However, applying tax returns and bonuses to your down payment fund will give you a significant boost and may help you become a homeowner much faster.

- **Visit with a lender or a financial advisor.** Many potential homebuyers are surprised to learn that saving money is just one way to acquire funds for a down payment. Homebuyers may be eligible for other sources of down payment funds, such as local down payment assistance programs. Homebuyers may also be able tap their 401(k) for down payment funds. A home mortgage consultant can help you learn more about these options.

NJ Amnesty Advantage:

Post-June 10, Penalties And Interest Will Be Costly

STATE—People who owe back taxes to New Jersey but don't take advantage of Tax Amnesty could see their liabilities increase by 45 percent or more after June 10 as all penalties and interest are reinstated and new penalties and fees are added.

Under New Jersey's 2002 Tax Amnesty program, people and companies pay only the tax they owe; all penalties and interest are waived.

"People who owe back taxes should be reminded that ignoring the Amnesty opportunity is a costly proposition," said Amnesty Administrator Steve Sylvester. "After June 10, individuals will see their penalty and interest-free back taxes turn into a much larger and more onerous liability. We want to be clear that the interest and penalties are not simply a slap on the wrist and to encourage everyone who owes taxes to come forward at this time."

To illustrate his point, Sylvester explained the conceivable consequences for an individual who had failed to file a New Jersey Gross Income Tax return for the 2000 tax year and owed the

State \$1,000 in income tax.

"Before Amnesty, that person's tax bill actually amounted to \$1,400, which includes penalties and interest," noting that penalties include five percent each month (maximum 25 percent) for failing to file; a five percent penalty for failing to pay and interest calculated at approximately ten percent.

"Under Amnesty, all those penalties and interest are waived and the person would just pay the \$1,000 in tax. But if this person decides not to take advantage of Amnesty, the penalties and interest grow substantially," Sylvester said.

"At midnight on June 10, the \$400 is reinstated and an additional five percent (\$50) is tacked onto the tax bill. Then, depending on how far we have to go in the collection process to get the money, the tax bill can rise by another 10-30 percent (\$100-\$300).

"So instead of a \$1,000 liability under Tax Amnesty, free of interest and penalties, the person may ultimately be looking at a bill for \$1,750 and face the prospect of stepped up collection efforts by the Division of Taxation," he said.

New Jersey State tax liability

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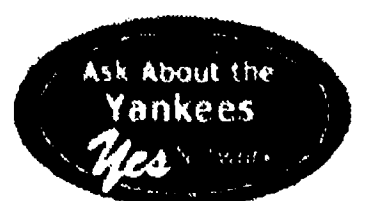


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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Hurricane Harbor Kicks-Off Third Season

AREA—Six Flags Hurricane Harbor kicked-off its third season on May 25. Following two years of major growth, the family-oriented water park will offer new programs focused on children and teens.

The 45-acre, elaborately-themed water park offers an enormous wave pool, one of the country's longest "lazy rivers," a massive, two-story family water playground and nearly 20 high-speed thrill slides. Its newest addition, Hurricane Mountain, is a unique, six-slide complex featuring four different tube slices and two unusual four person, in-line, toboggan-style slides.

"We've enjoyed two years of significant expansion, and this year we are even more focused on providing fun, valuable and educational pro-

grams to our guests," said Six Flags Hurricane Harbor Director Chris Stuart. Four new programs include swimming lessons, a junior life-guard program, teen entertainment nights and expanding the theme park's "Music in the Park," program to the water park.

"Water safety is our expertise and we believe there is a true need for water safety programs in our community," Stuart said. "We're also very excited about offering teens new opportunities to have fun in a safe, relaxed environment. Through "Music in the Park," we're eager to showcase young, local talent to our guests, and offer these musicians a unique performance opportunity and great exposure."

Six Flags Hurricane Harbor will operate weekends until June 9. Daily operation runs June 14–September 2. The park is also open Sept. 7 and 8. Six Flags Hurricane Harbor season passes are currently still available and may be purchased at the gate, or in advance. A limited number of three-park passes (for theme, safari and water parks) are also available. For more information, call (732) 928-1821 or visit the Web at www.sixflags.com.



Figures Galore At The Skulski Art Gallery

CLARK—The Skulski Art Gallery is pleased to present "Figures Galore" by Woodbridge Art Group on June 14–July 12. The opening reception is scheduled for Friday, June 14 from 8–11 p.m. The public is welcome, refreshments will be served.

Maxine King is the curator of the show. She is a practicing artist with over ten years experience, who is currently focusing on the sumi ink technique. Her subject matter, the human figure, is revealed through emphasis on design with added watercolor. King holds a Masters Degree from Rutgers University and a Bachelor's Degree from University of Iowa.

Eight members of the Woodbridge Art Group were selected to show at the Skulski Art Gallery. Woodbridge artists include Alan Brown, Maxine King, Al Zima and Dan Zima. Carteret artists include Elaine Gould and Michael Jadach. Edison artists include Donna Kuba and Ray Skibinski.

The group meets once a week to draw the

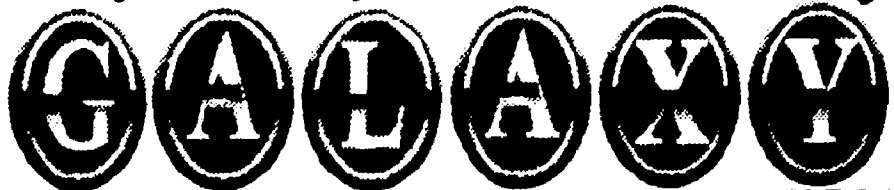
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The Artist-Alan Brown, with his painting entitled "Pattern Girl". The show "Figures Galore" will be showing from June 14–July 12, 2002 at the skulski Art Gallery, Polish Cultural Foundation, 177 Broadway, Clark, NJ. 732-382-7197.



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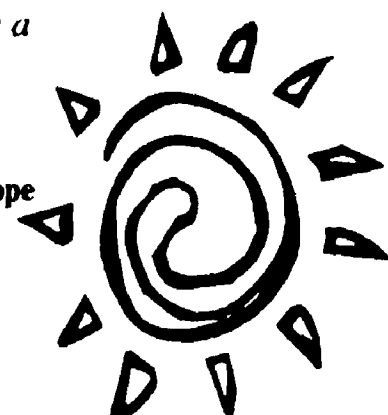
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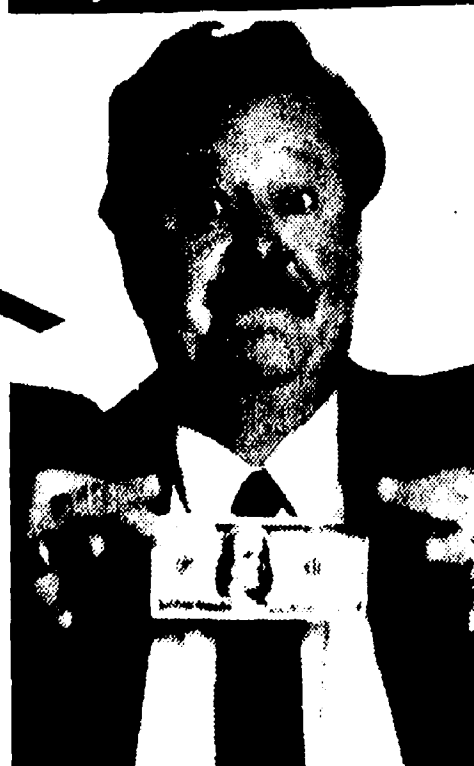
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POPCORN™ "Insomnia"

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In director Christopher Nolan's "Insomnia," bleary-eyed from exhaustion while trying to hunt down a child killer in the wilds of Alaska, Al Pacino's detective Will Dormer painfully searches for inner-strength. You see, there is a complication. He has been compromised.

The murderer has something on our celebrated shamus from Los Angeles. It happened in the foggy woods, shortly after his arrival. But it was an accident, wasn't it? And now, after not sleeping for five days in this land of the midnight sun, perhaps the gumshoe is close to toppling. Yet like a proud animal ravaged by the combat of nature, he stands firm and surveys the battleground. And when, for just a fraction of a second, his crime-weary gaze meets ours, he lets us in on something. This will be the case of his career...his crucible. Not necessarily because it is the most difficult. But because it will measure him in his entirety, morally as well as professionally.

And while chock-full of more cop movie cliches than any modern example of the film noir genre might dare venture, there is a magical synergism created by filmmaker Nolan and his star actor. It is that rare serendipitous occurrence, when the artistic product is greater than the sum of its parts.

Now granted, Mr. Nolan handsomely prepares the stage for Mr. Pacino. And coming off the success of his very enterprising "Memento," the director indubitably proves he can steer a traditional film. But that someone might think that thirty-three-year-old Nolan had something to do with shaping the legend's performance has to bring a chuckle. For the emotional war that Will Dormer is fighting on two fronts is just not the sort of thing that can be directed. At least not the way Pacino embodies it. His construction of the heroically haggard detective is forty percent thespian, fifty percent movie star and ten

percent ham, delivered as only he can.

And although the deadly cat and mouse game that evolves is fraught with all the requisite clues, deductions, reversals and sleuthing story perils, it is our investment in the protagonist that really holds our interest. Because, despite how famous detective Dormer is, he is soon made accessible. As the subtext thickens, he suggests to a colleague that some of his past sins have come home to roost. Suffice it to note, it has to do with the end justifying the means. Police Internal Affairs in L.A. has even launched an investigation, albeit politically inspired. And thus when he airs his worries, he divulges a glint of vulnerability. We can relate to that. Who of us has not cut a corner for the sake of expediency?

Yet being a true cinematic enigma, there's also the other side of the coin. Will Dormer's cocky swagger also makes him attractive. And he wears his celebrity well, attempting modesty, but hardly convincing us that he sees himself as a mere mortal.

So when he arrives in Alaska with his world-renowned reputation in tow, he is given a hero's welcome despite the negative baggage that has also trailed him from Los Angeles. Most pleased among the informal welcoming committee is detective Ellie Burr, portrayed by a convincingly admiring Hilary Swank. She poured over the oft-quoted criminologist's case studies while in college and now excitedly rattles them off, citing final outcome and emanating detective aphorism in each instance.

Flattered by the prospect of tutoring such an adoring protege, detective Dormer gladly takes up the mantle of mentor. He is at that stage of the game when imparting

knowledge acquired over the course of a career is more important than ever, both to justify a life's work as well as to insure his place in the annals of crime fighting.

But in accepting the position of guru, the storied cop is tacitly also agreeing to be ethical guide to the young police officer. And considering the pragmatic necessities of his job, imposing such a responsibility on himself may be biting off a little more of than he can chew... a vanity he can't afford. In fact, the murderer, a keen predator indeed, is counting on it. So he tries to blackmail Dormer: "You don't catch me, I don't tell what I saw you do. Your legacy remains intact."

Add the usual derring-do to the proceedings, replete with gunplay, chases up blind alleys, dashed attempts at capture whilst running across floating logs, and lots of fireworks at the Hollywood finale. And rest assured Mr. Pacino's stunt double keeps busy while the real thing stays behind for close-ups, great close-ups, and almost every one dramatically effective. Oh, and there is cop talk, with practically as much conversation about "dusting" the sundry potential clues as there is about the maddening effect of an incessant sun.

But although Miss Swank puts in a solid performance as the predictable but likable, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed ingenue, Mr. Pacino's real true co-star is the great unspoiled vastness, beautifully photographed by Wally Pfister. It works as an eye-filling counterpoint to the dastardly crime at the heart of the film in much the same way that the barren plains did in "Fargo" (1996).

"Insomnia," rated R, is a Warner Bros. release directed by Christopher Nolan and stars Al Pacino, Hilary Swank and Robin Williams. Running time: 118 minutes

Figures Galore continued

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model. Most of the artists have drawn together since the late 80's and have concentrated on rendering the figure in a variety of art media. The exhibit is a cumulation of the past year's activity.

Successive people have organized the figure drawing sessions in a variety of locations over the years. Roy Stainberg was the first organizer at the Barron Arts Center, Woodbridge; later Anne VanBlarcomb-Kurowski took over. The group grew to be very large, and some years ago Alan Brown organized life drawing sessions at the Edison Jewish Community center, and later at his own studio. Thus there is the dis-

inction of this group as the Woodbridge Art Group. Today, Karen Zawali and Joanne Lynch still run their life drawing sessions at the Barron.

It gives great joy to share the work with the public. Join the artists at the opening on Friday, June 14.

The Polish Cultural Foundation is located at 177 Broadway, Clark, just off exit 135 from the Garden State Parkway. The Skulski Gallery is open to the public Tuesday- Friday from 5-9 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For further information, contact Aleksandra K. Nowak, Gallery Director at (732) 382-7197.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Sacred Heart University Confers Degrees In Two Weekend Ceremonies

AREA — Almost 1,600 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees this past weekend at Sacred Heart University. In dual graduation ceremonies held on Saturday and Sunday, three leaders in business, industry and philanthropy were also awarded honorary degrees from the University.

At Saturday's graduate ceremonies, Lee Ann Riley delivered the commencement address to

over 500 graduates. The founder and executive director of the Norma Pfriem Breast Care Center, with offices at Bridgeport Hospital and in Fairfield, Conn., Ms. Riley is a well-known advocate for breast cancer care and research, as well as the development of support systems for women and their families in the fight against breast cancer.

Sunday, almost 1,100 graduate students heard an informa-

tive and challenging address about the opportunities present in today's changing society, delivered by Dr. John Leinhard, noted author and the creator and voice of National Public Radio's *Engines of Our Ingenuity*. Professor Leinhard also received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Awarded honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were Dr. Paul W. McEvoy, William Professor of Management Studies at the Yale

School of Management and Nelson Broms, vice chairman of iQ NetSolutions, Inc. and senior advisor to the chairman of UtiliCorp United.

Sacred Heart University, the second largest Catholic university in New England, provides curricula that cover a broad range of academic and professional interests. Chief attractions among the graduate student population are programs leading to a Master's in business administra-

tion, degrees in computer and information technology, and advanced training for teachers. On the undergraduate level, the greatest number of degrees are earned in accounting, business administration, nursing, psychology and computer sciences.

Area students who received undergraduate or graduate degrees from Sacred Heart University included: Michael S. Robel of Clark and Lorraine Valentino of Colonia.

Resident Receives Scholarship

PERTH AMBOY — Jacqueline W. Hall, of Perth Amboy was one of five students who recently received scholarships awarded by the School of Cardiovascular Technology at Atlantic Health Systems' Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Hall, Munazza H. Khan, Roger Marvin, Sr., Yvette Pagan and Jerry M. Young received the Ruth Sorenson Boyette Scholarship.

In addition, Khan and Young received the Stephen

Krasnica Memorial Scholarship and Pagan received the Lacouture Academic Scholarship. The scholarship awards presentation took place on May 15 during a ceremony held at the school. The School of Cardiovascular Technology at Morristown Memorial Hospital is an 18-month program offering specializations in invasive cardiology, non-invasive cardiology and non-invasive peripheral vascular studies.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS—Seated from left are Jerry M. Young and Munazza H. Khan. Standing from left are Kathleen Sauter, director, School of Cardiovascular Technology, Jacqueline W. Hall, Yvette Pagan, Roger Marvin Sr., and Brenda Jones, clinical coordinator, School of Cardiovascular Technology.

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KIDS GETTING A STEADY DIET OF FAST FOOD ON THE BOOB TUBE

AREA—Television commercials aired during children's shows now emphasize larger fast-food portions compared with Saturday morning ads in the 1970s, which focused mainly on sugary breakfast cereals, according to a study recently presented at the American Heart Association's Asia Pacific Scientific Forum. Researchers say this trend may contribute to the rise in childhood obesity.

The American Heart Association's Asia Pacific Scientific Forum was a new scientific meeting paired with the American Heart Association's 42nd Annual Conference on Cardiovascular Disease, Epidemiology and Prevention, that serves to exchange and report new information in the causation, diagnosis, prevention and treatment of heart and blood vessel disease, including stroke.

Physical inactivity during leisure activities, including television viewing, has been implicated as a contributor to the prevalence of obesity in children and risk for heart disease later in life.

"This study cannot confirm an association between the products advertised and the health status of children and teens," said Marlene M. Most, Ph.D., R.D., associate professor of research, Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, La. "However, our findings suggest that if young people were to consume many of the products being advertised to them and also had a decrease in physical activity, this could contribute to obesity and heart disease."

In 1976, most of the commercials directed at young people on Saturday mornings were for breakfast cereal (43 percent of total commercials). The next largest category was candy commercials followed by advertisements for fast-food restaurants, said Most.

"Although breakfast cereal commercials remain popular during Saturday morning programming, we noticed a real surge in commercials for fast-food restaurants over the past 25 years," she said.

Not only has the number of fast-food commercials increased, the type of commercials has changed over the years as well, Most says. In 1976, most fast-food restaurants emphasized the food itself, with lots of pictures of hamburgers, french fries and soft drinks.

In 1992, however, the emphasis changed to the "fun" atmosphere of fast-food restaurants. Then in 2001, the focus shifted again to emphasize the value of larger "kid-sized" portions now available. "As a dietitian, it's disturbing to see even larger food portions being directed at young people, since most Americans already eat portions way beyond what is heart-healthy," she said.

"With this study we felt it was important to continue the examination of messaging to young people who are at an impressionable age in making food choices. Many of these patterns in food choices may continue for many years, influencing an individual's health outlook for years to come," she said.

Osteoporosis: It Isn't Just A Female Thing

AREA—Osteoporosis is not just a woman's disease. Although it is much more common in women, men do get osteoporosis. In fact, results from a recent study conducted by the National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF) found that over two million men in America are suffering from this bone weakening disease while another three million are at risk. However, despite the large number of men affected, the diagnosis of osteoporosis in men is often overlooked and underestimated.

According to the NOF, osteoporosis is less common in men than in women for several reasons. Men have large skeletons, their bone loss starts later in life and progresses more slowly, and they do not experience the rapid bone loss that affects women as a result of menopause.

Despite these differences, there are many factors that may increase a man's risk of developing this disease, including:

- Long-term use of certain medications, including steroids used to treat asthma or arthritis, anticonvulsants or certain cancer treatments.

- Chronic conditions that affect the lungs, kidneys, stomach or intestines.

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- Age. Bone loss typically begins in men at 40.
- Lifestyle habits such as diet, smoking, alcohol consumption and inadequate exercise.

"Although some risk factors are beyond your control, others are not," said Mark Brinn, Physical Therapist, Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, New Jersey. "But there are simple ways to help prevent or slow the progression of the disease." Therefore, Brinn encourages individuals to avoid smoking and consuming excessive alcohol, eat a healthy diet enriched with calcium and vitamin D and incorporate exercise into their daily routine.

"Exercise plays an integral part in preventing and treating osteoporosis," explained Brinn. "Just as muscles grow when exercised, bones get stronger, too."

An effective fitness program should incorporate both weight bearing activities, such as walking, jogging, or even dancing and strength training exercises, such as lifting weights.

"Most of our daily activities and recreational sports incorporate both these types of exercise, therefore, just being active helps improve the overall health of our bones," Brinn added.

However, men who have been sedentary for an extended period of time should check with a doctor before initiating any exercise program. A physician may then refer you to a qualified professional, such as a physical therapist, for a complete evaluation and an individualized prevention/treatment program that is safe for you.

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June 14th is Flag Day. This June 14th marks the 225th birthday of the United States Flag. It was on that date in 1777 that John Adams introduced a resolution that the Continental Congress adopted. The resolution stated that the flag of the thirteen states would be of thirteen stripes of alternating red and white with the inclusion of thirteen stars on a blue field. This configuration would serve as the flag of the United States of America.

There are several theories regarding who created the original flag of the United States of America. If you ask most people, their answer is Betsy Ross. This seamstress from Philadelphia is commonly thought to be the creator of the first flag of the United States. Legend has it that Mrs. Ross was George Washington's personal seamstress who often mended his shirts and who's shop on Arch Street was only a few blocks from the Statehouse on Chestnut Street. According to this version of the history of the flag, Washington visited Ross's shop with two representatives from Congress and presented Ross with a rough drawing of how they wanted the flag to be crafted. This is said to have occurred in 1776, prior to Adams resolution which formally adopted the style of the American Flag.

There are some verifiable facts which support this version of events. Records from the State Navy Board of Pennsylvania show that Elizabeth Ross was paid a sum of twelve shillings and two pence for making ship's colors, or Navy flags. Most of the other details, however, were not substantiated by research. Searches into Washington's writings, government records, and other documents provided no concrete evidence of the visit to Ross's shop. Descendents of Ross published "Evolution of the American Flag" in 1909, but some historians disagree with the version of events it describes.

An alternate telling of the genesis of the United States Flag credits Francis

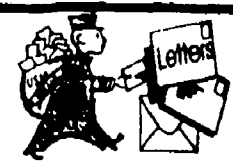
Hopkinson as the first designer of the American Flag. Hopkinson was a lawyer and a Congressman from New Jersey who was appointed to the Continental Navy Board in November of 1776. It is thought that during his service Hopkinson first designed the configuration which we now call the American Flag.

This version of events is substantiated by a lengthy conflict which took place wherein Hopkinson attempted to receive payment for designing the Flag. Hopkinson's request for payment was first approved by Congress then denied by the legislature, prompting the formation of a committee to investigate the validity of his claim. The investigation dragged on and was met with much difficulty from the members of the Board of Treasury. Eventually Hopkinson resigned from his office and gave up the conflict.

The ultimate finding of the investigative committee was that Hopkinson had indeed designed the American Flag but was not entitled to compensation because "He was not the only person consulted," and drew a high enough salary on the Continental Navy Board that additional compensation was not deemed necessary. While Hopkinson was not paid for designing the United States Flag, this conflict served to confirm and document the fact that he had a role in the creation of the first flag.

Both versions of the story exist in personal opinions and history books alike. We may never know for sure which is the true telling of events. But one thing is for certain: regardless of who originally designed it, the American Flag will always stand not only as a symbol of our great nation, but as a symbol of freedom, liberty, and justice throughout the world. People have given and will continue to give their lives in order to protect rights for which it stands. Stars and stripes, in red, white and blue, now more than ever, will always represent the many blessings that God has bestowed on this land.

Readers Commentary



Ferry Service Relieves Commuting Stress

Dear Editor,

I have read with interest the new U.S. census estimates that indicate commuting time has increased in many municipalities across New Jersey. One mode of transportation that has been generally ignored in these reports is ferry service. Ferries are a major mode of transportation that is available to commuters in Monmouth and Middlesex Counties.

New Jersey is the most densely populated state in the country. SeaStreak currently provides fast passenger commuter ferry service from Atlantic Highlands and

Highlands in Monmouth County and South Amboy in Middlesex County into New York. Thousands of Central Jersey commuters who have in the past experienced stressful and time-consuming delays on our roads and mass transit systems are taking advantage of this alternative. SeaStreak's diesel-powered vessels carry commuters from Monmouth County to Pier 11 in Manhattan in 35 minutes. Ferry riders from South Amboy travel to Pier 11 in just 45 minutes. This is a considerable savings in time, especially in the busy society that has evolved over the past decade.

It was interesting to see the rise in commuting time from the 1990 census compared to the 2000 census. With our aging and antiquated infrastructure, new solutions such as commuter ferries are being widely recognized as a viable alternative in mass transit. Ferry schedules are now mentioned in traffic reports in the media. We look forward to the next census in ten years and hope that ferry service will be included as well.

David Stafford
General Manager
SeaStreak America, Inc.
Atlantic Highlands

The Veterans Thank You

Dear Editor,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the generous people for myself and the Avenel VFW Post 7164 for their donations purchasing "Poppies."

It is these kind of people that rekindles our faith knowing that we have not been forgotten. For me it was a fun week because I made a lot of new friends, met many new people, and have many new

memories.

The one thing that I will always remember is how many parents told me that their children wanted them to stop and purchase the "Poppy." I spent the whole week at one location, which meant that I saw the same drivers, but some of them still donated two or three times. Even if some of the people did not donate, I appreciated the very friendly smiles.

The weather really cooper-

ated every day, which made every day that much more enjoyable. I am already looking forward to seeing these wonderful people again next year.

Please remember what "Memorial Day" is all about; don't forget to fly your flag. Thanks again, "And God Bless America."

Stuart (STU) Brandow
WWII Veteran
Avenel VFW

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Serial Oak Killer

BULLETIN: Tens of thousands of trees, from Monterey County, California to southern Oregon, have been wiped out. Murdered. The name of the evil-doer responsible is "Sudden Oak Death"; scientists say it is related to the blight that caused the 19th-century Irish potato famine, and there's no cure!

According to an Associated Press report, tree experts are trying to determine whether California's redwoods are susceptible to the mass-murdering organism. The experts are worried, because they found DNA from the disease spores in redwood sprouts. Obviously, a disease willing to attack baby trees has no conscience!

To contain the murderous

range of Sudden Oak Death, campsites have been closed, and trees—some of them undoubtedly innocent—have been chopped down. It could be months before researchers know if the redwoods will be the next victims. Folks, this could hurt tourism and ruin the state's timber industry. Not to mention "Old Growth" forests.

So when a tree falls in the forest and no one is around, who can California's environmentalist wackos blame and more importantly, sue? They can't sue Nature for Sudden Oak Death; they won't get paid. And they can't blame George Bush, either. Oh, but give them time...they'll surely try.



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Perth Amboy H.S. Odyssey of the Mind Team Takes First Place

PERTH AMBOY - On Saturday, May 11, members of the Perth Amboy High School Odyssey of the Mind team presented a video they created on how people's views of patriotism have changed since Sept. 11.

The exhibition at the Douglass College Center included remembrance projects from the following high schools: Perth Amboy, Highland Park, Edison, Hanterton Central Regional, Irvington, South Brunswick, North Brunswick, West Windsor-Plainsboro and Colts Neck as well as Highland Park Middle School. More than 200 projects were evaluated by a panel of judges from Rutgers

University. The Perth Amboy project entitled, "In the Wake of Sept. 11, 2001, how have your views of patriotism changed?" received outstanding reviews and won first place.

Their video and reflection essay will be translated into Arabic, Chinese, Russian, Spanish and French and will be posted on the Rutgers University website as an example of how Americans responded to the Sept. 11 tragedies. This is a tremendous honor for the students involved in the Global Citizen project.

The video production crew consisted of Lady Vanessa Reyes, Hygeia Reyes, Kimberly Roman, Taimi

Arocho, Yomaira Jimenez, Carla Pacheco, Amanda Roche, Gerry Llaque, Eddie Urteaga, Jonathan Groemm, Brian Sweatt and Eleni Glykis. Odyssey of the Mind advisor, Rebecca McLelland, was the supervising teacher who assisted the students in the production of the video and entered their project in the Citizens Across Borders contest at Rutgers University.

The video will be shown on Channel 34 in Perth Amboy during a special episode of "Amboy Highways" highlighting the group's accomplishment. The group was honored at the June 6 Board of Education meeting held at Perth Amboy High School.



The winning team from Perth Amboy High School

Chamber Of Commerce Honors Citizens Of The Year

EDISON Seven individual and corporate awards will be presented by the Edison Chamber of Commerce at the organization's Third Annual Awards Dinner 2002. The awards and installation of Officers will take place on Friday, June 7 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sheraton-Edison in Raritan Center.

President Gloria S. Dittman says, "We are so very proud of our honorees—people who give 100 percent each and every day to make Edison a wonderful place to live and work. Our "everyday heroes" are a tribute to our community and our future."

The winners of Edison's Citizens of the Year awards are: William Grant & Sons—has captured Corporate Citizen of the Year; Metuchen Savings Bank—has been selected as Member of the Year; Fire, Police and EMTs—collectively are named for Community Service; Louise D. Lippe Educator of the Year (second grade teacher at Martin Luther King School, Edison).

This Chamber is celebrating its 50 years of service by

awarding a special recognition to one of the "Founding Fathers" and former President of this Chamber—H. Ray Vliet and to the first Chamber member—First Savings Bank.

The annual installation of officers will also take place. The Chamber's new chairman is Michael Cangemi, President and COO of Etienne Aigner. Others to be installed are: Steven Klauber (1st Vice President), Jacqueline Hancock (2nd Vice President), Arnold Lubin (Secretary) and Jim Sausmer (Treasurer). New members to the Board of Directors are: Craig Barker, John Finn, Dan Michaud, Greg Noble, Barnice Venable, Doug Kreil and Julie Wong.

The Edison Chamber, since 1952, continues to be committed to serving business and industry while maintaining the quality of life in Edison. Tickets for the Awards Dinner and Installation of Officers are \$85 per person or \$825 for a table of ten. The evening includes a cocktail hour, dinner, dancing and a live band. For information, call (732) 738-9482.

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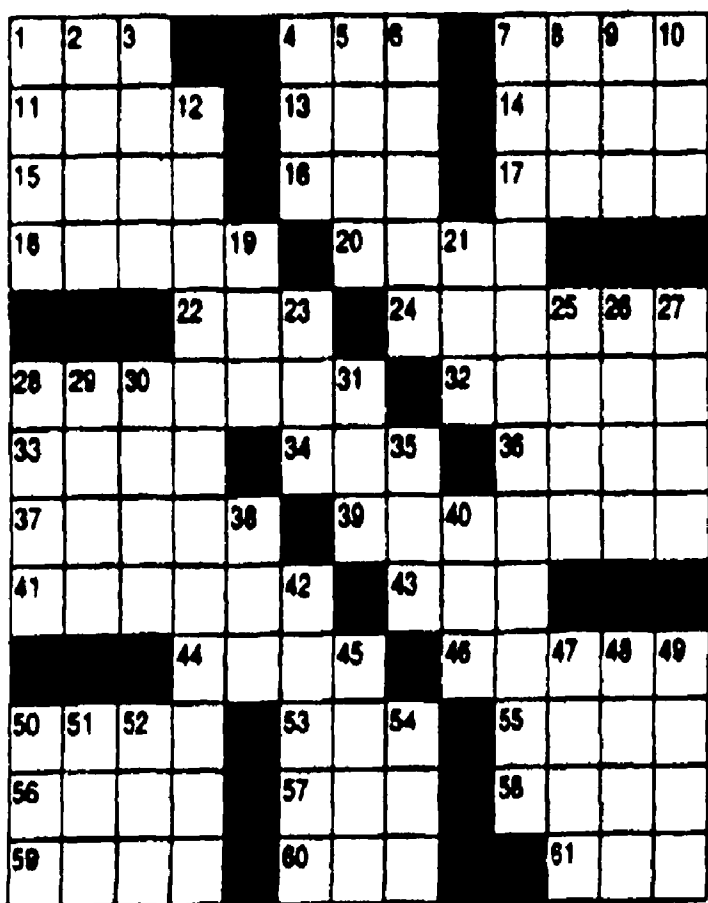
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Mary's arrival caused Greenlee to go into a flurry of activity to try to win her mother's approval. Brooke found Edmund mourning over Maria. Kendall told Ryan her theory about the fire that destroyed Erica's home. She then shared it with Trey, who later presented Kendall with an ultimatum as an increasingly suspicious Ryan looked on. Mateo comforted Hayley as she blamed herself for Enzo's illness. Later, Mateo reeled when told that Arlene may be the only one who could save Enzo's life. Wait to See: Anna finds David in a precarious situation.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Emily debated about telling Alison the truth. Henry had a warning for Rose. Isaac and Billy made a shocking discovery. Lucy made a promise she might not be able to keep. An extraordinary event cleared Simon's name. Wait to See: Simon makes a decision about Katie. Aaron reveals his shady past.

THE BOLD

AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Eric feared he might not be able to win Stephanie back from

Massimo. As Erica told her mother about being a nanny for the Forresters, Rick reassured an emotionally fragile Amber that she won't have to compete with Erica for little Eric's attention because the boy loves his mother. Later, Amber contacted Ziggy to buy more pills. Whip told Megan that Deacon would soon get the shock of his life. Brooke thought Stephanie was wrong to make Eric feel guilty about his past when Stephanie is living with another man (Massimo). Wait to See: Erica's mother sees an "opportunity" opening up.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Mimi discovered important and potentially incriminating information about the night of Jan's accident. Bo and Hope selected Zack's godfather. Meanwhile, they awaited a phone call that could change their lives. Sami plotted to get back at Lucas when he told her he's taking Will away for the summer. Hope made an announcement at a Brady family gathering. Wait to See: Lexie is committed to a mental institution. The truth about Jan's mis-carriage is revealed.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Carly and Sonny's reunion reignited the passion in their relationship. Later, Jason arrived with some startling news for the couple. Sarah tried to get Elizabeth to share information about the newly returned Jason. Alexis conducted a medical experiment. Bobbie gave Scott an answer about a possible future for them. Wait to See: Laura and Luke find themselves in trouble. Florence prepares to arrest Gia.

GUIDING LIGHT

Tony prepared to sacrifice his own freedom in the name of love. Frank told Harley about Gus' secret past. Olivia concocted a plot against Josh and Reva. Rick and Mel decided to spend the rest of their lives together. Danny set off on a mission. Wait to See: Edmund winds up in hot water. Tory slips out.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

(Because of the ongoing effort to protect the storylines that aired during the live broadcast

the week of May 13-17, the soap is, once again, withholding summaries.)

PASSIONS

Brian and Diana (Sheridan) talked about their future together as Nick watched them and plotted his revenge. Later, Nick told Diana (Sheridan) that he knows her. Peggy menaced Timmy. Reese climbed a tree to check out what's going on in Tabitha's attic. Ethan and Pilar feared for Theresa's life as they awaited her sentence for killing Julian. Meanwhile, Alistair made a phone call to the judge — who then entered the courtroom to pronounce Theresa's fate. Wait to See: Timmy learns Peggy's true identity. Theresa and her baby are in danger.

PORT CHARLES

Livvie did some unexpected soul searching when confronted by Rafe's discovery of a clue to his past. But she later resumed trying to seduce him. Later, Alison and Rafe came close to finding each other as each sought moral guidance. Ian was able to "connect" with Kevin, giving Lucy more information about Kevin's predicament. Ian later suffered a severe reaction to channeling Kevin, who at the same time was rejecting Rebecca's compromise offer. Wait to See: Rachel advises Livvie. Karen makes a mistake. Frank investigates his childhood.

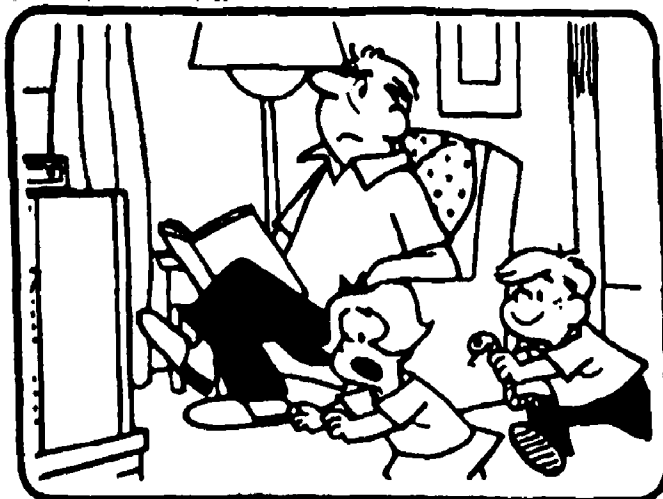
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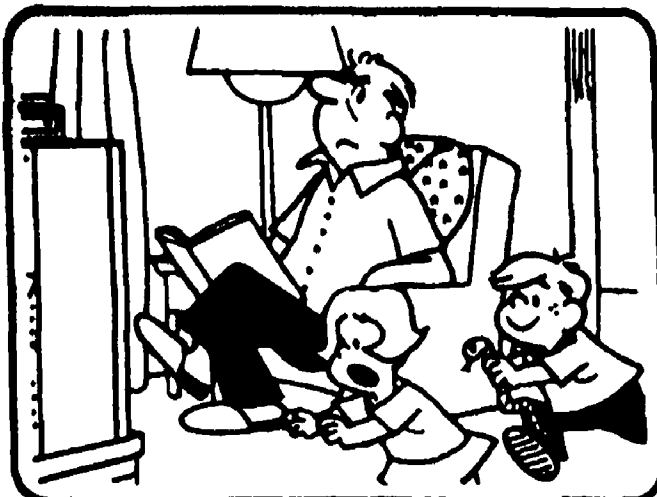
Diane and Kyle, along with Graziella, moved into the Abbott's pool house. Sean talked to Jill about marriage. Diego advised Sharon not to tell Nick that they'd made love, pointing out the possible dire fallout on the kids. Meanwhile, Neil and Serena reacted to their own night of love. Brad reassured Ashley that if she must undergo a mastectomy, it won't change his love for her. Paul took Isabella and their son home from the hospital. Meanwhile, Chris broke down in tears as she told Michael that she hid her feelings for Paul because she didn't want to risk his losing his son. Wait to See: Michael begins to assess his feelings for Chris.

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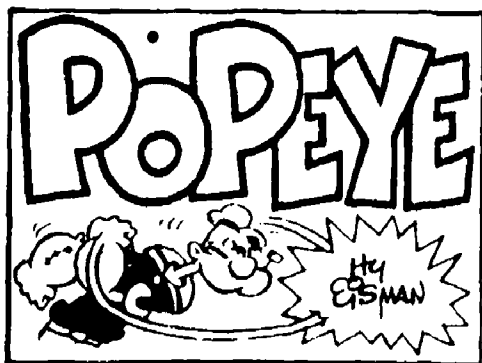
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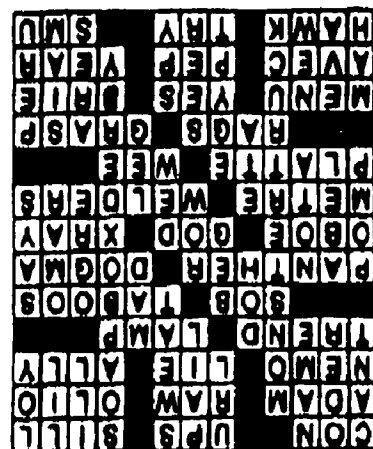
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OBITUARIES**Helen Kafton-Craig
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Helen (Calvin) Kafton-Craig of Barstow, Calif. (formerly of Perth Amboy) died May 15 at Rim Rock Nursing Home in Barstow, Calif. She was 94.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there until moving to Mount Home, Idaho, before moving to Barstow 25 years ago.

She was a police guard for the Perth Amboy Police Department for many years.

Mrs. Kafton-Craig was a member of the Mount Home Senior Citizens for 25 years.

She was a Gold Star war veterans mother for 51 years.

Her parents, Arthur James Calvin and Margaret Isabel Morrison, are deceased. Her first husband, Francis Kafton; her second husband, William Craig; a son, Cpl. Vincent Kafton, who died in the Korean War; a sister, Lydia Borup; a brother, James Calvin, and two grandsons and two granddaughters.

Surviving are two sons, Harry Kafton of California and Frank Kafton of Jackson; six daughters, Frances Hansen of Pennsylvania, Margaret Grinnell of Idaho, Patricia Sealander of Florida, Helen Boyles of North Carolina, Gloria Huelsenbeck of California and Connie Lorrie of California; 20 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews and friends.

**Charles H. Williams
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Charles H. Williams of Perth Amboy died May 21 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 80.

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

He was a construction laborer with Local 72 in Hopelawn for 33 years before retiring in 1979.

Mr. Williams was an Army veteran of World War II.

He was a former member of Perth Amboy Elks Lodge 784.

His daughter, Martha Williams, died in 1971.

Surviving are his wife of 30 years, Hilda Smith Williams; a stepdaughter, Darlene Braxton Scruggs of North Brunswick; a brother, Raymond Brown and a sister, Dolores Hunter, both of Perth Amboy; a grandson, Craig Braxton of Piscataway, and three great-grandchildren.

**Amalia Rassias, 93
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Amalia (Varnavelias) Rassias, of Florence, S.C., (formerly of Perth Amboy, Edison and Staten Island) died May 24 at home. She was 93.

She was born in Greece.

She was a homemaker.

Surviving are her husband, George Rassias; her children, Tessie Christopoulos, Presvitera Pheoharis, Eleni Pheoharis, Peter and John Rassias; dear sister of Peter Vallas and Anthoula Pantos; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Frank S. Pazda, 75
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Frank S. Pazda of Perth Amboy, died May 22 in Eatontown at the home of his niece. He was 75.

He was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy.

Mr. Pazda was a Navy veteran of World War II, he served in the Pacific Theater of Operations in the Philippines.

He was employed with the Perth Amboy Department of Public Works for 23 years before retiring in 1981.

Mr. Pazda was a volunteer firefighter with Liberty Hook and Ladder Company in Perth Amboy. He was a member of the Perth Amboy Volunteer Fireman's Association and the Perth Amboy Exempt Fireman's Association.

He was a parishioner of St. Stephen's R.C. Church in Perth Amboy.

His two sisters, Helen Pazda and Josephine Czocho, are deceased.

Surviving are three sisters, Sophie Stelmacek of Sayreville, Mary Labenski of East Brunswick and Veronica Brenner of Eatontown; two brothers, Walter Kaczmarezyk of Union and Eugene Pazda of Eatontown, and several nieces and nephews.

**John F. VanCleaf
of South Amboy**

Retired U.S. Air Force Sgt. John F. VanCleaf of South Amboy died May 16 at the U.S. Soldiers and Airman's Home in Washington, D.C.

He was born and raised in South Amboy.

After graduating from high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army (Signal Corps). In 1940, he was assigned as a cryptographer at McCord Air Force Base near Seattle in the headquarters of General Curtis LeMay. During World War II, he was stationed in the China-Burma-India theater, then transferred to Army Air Force Base in the Pacific for the strategic bombing of Japan. He continued to serve under Gen. LeMay during the height of the Cold War. During the uprising in the Belgian Congo in 1960, he served as a United Nations paymaster and courier. He retired to the U.S. Soldiers Home 25 years ago.

His sister, Jeannette Chapman, is deceased.

Surviving are his nephews, William A. Chapman of South Plainfield, Arthur B. Chapman of South Amboy, and a niece, Marion C. Rosa of South Amboy.

**Patricia T. Slack
of Parlin**

Mrs. Patricia T. Slack of Parlin, died May 19 in Deborah Heart and Lung Hospital, Browns Mills. She was 75.

Born in Biddeford, she lived in Manchester, before moving to Parlin four years ago.

Mrs. Slack was a foster mother to more than 100 children.

Surviving are four sons, Sidney Jr., Eric, James and Bruce; six daughters, Carol Jones, Nancy Harmon, Susan Schaub, Sharon Lindsley, Kathy McIntire and Deborah Etienne; 24 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

**Doris Paoloni
of Avenel**

Mrs. Doris Paoloni of Avenel died May 21 at St. Peter's University Hospital, New Brunswick.

Born in Jersey City, she lived in Avenel for 41 years.

She was an administrative secretary at the Woodbridge Development Center, Avenel, for eight years, before retiring in 1985.

During the 1950s, she was a model in New York City.

Surviving are her husband of 47 years, Al; two daughters, Dorene Hogan and Stacey; a son, Marc; three brothers, Joseph, Harold and Raymond Temple; and a grandchild.

**Lucille Corcoran, 74
of Edison**

Mrs. Lucille Corcoran of Toms River (formerly of Edison) died May 21 at Kimball Medical Center in Lakewood. She was 74.

Born in Hoboken, she lived in Edison before moving to Toms River in 1981.

She was a LPN for Brick Hospital in Brick for eight years before retiring in 1990.

Her husband, Robert, died in 1995. A son, James, died in 1987.

Surviving are four sons, William of Milltown, Robert and Michael, both of Spotswood, and Thomas of Freehold; five daughters, Barbara Wright of Surf City, Margaret Burns of Lakewood, Mary Shilling of North Carolina, Teresa Nolan of Toms River and Lucille Manzella of Manchester; a brother, William Hamilton of San Antonio, Texas; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Margaret A. Einhorn
of Woodbridge**

Margaret A. Einhorn of Woodbridge died May 15 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. She was 85.

Born and raised in Perth Amboy, she moved to Woodbridge 48 years ago.

Mrs. Einhorn was an operating room technician at Perth Amboy General Hospital (now Raritan Bay Medical Center) for 12 years before retiring in 1979.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Avenel.

Her husband, Francis E. Einhorn, died in 1985, and a sister, Elizabeth Donschitz, died in 1996.

Surviving are two daughters, Judith A. Gay of Eatontown and Mary M. Einhorn of Perth Amboy.

**Anna Kudzia, 86
of Colonia**

Mrs. Anna (Hasko) Kudzia of Colonia died May 22 at JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 86.

Born in Perth Amboy, she resided in Sewaren before moving to Colonia 23 years ago.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Michael, died in 1976; two brothers, Michael and John Hasko and a sister, Julia Lollo, are also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Cynthia Damoci of Colonia; three grandchildren, Gina Melson, Michael and Christopher Damoci and two great-grandsons, Michael and Drew Damoci.

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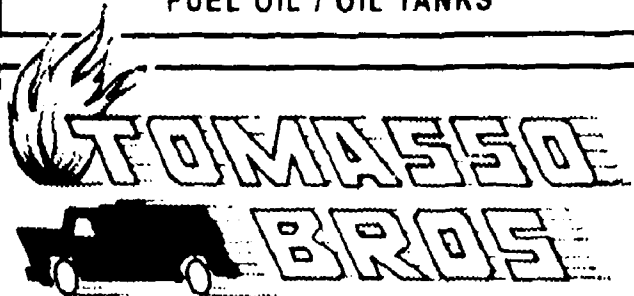
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A DEMONSTRATION OF UNITY—On Memorial Day, Chief Steve Muir of Portland Fire Bureau presented a flag that had been carried across the country by members of community police and fire departments to members of the New York Police and Fire Departments. Seen in this photo from the ceremony at the Statue of Liberty. At the front of the line of firefighters are Chief Steve Muir of Portland, Ore. and to his right is firefighter Paul D'Agostino of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Measure Coordinating Fire Services During Emergencies Clears Committee

STATE—An Assembly panel has released legislation Assemblywoman Linda Stender and Assemblyman Gordon Johnson sponsored that would establish a program for coordinating response by multiple fire departments throughout the state when an emergency requires a large scale re-sponse.

Under the measure (A-1775), entitled the "Fire Service Resource Emergency Deployment Act," a program would be established that is designed to coordinate the deployment of fire services personnel and equipment throughout the state to facilitate a quick and efficient response to emergency incidents.

"After the Sept. 11 attacks, we all become more keenly aware of the importance of a unified response from fire departments throughout the state during a disaster situation," said Stender (D-Union), a former Union County Freeholder. "It is vital to be able to call upon neighboring departments in an organized fashion when the challenge is too great for one agency to handle."

The mutual aid pact set up within a county would allow fire departments of member municipalities to be called upon if additional resources are deemed necessary by the county fire coordinator. This coordinator would be

appointed by the county's emergency management officer in conjunction with the corresponding municipal fire chiefs.

The measure also stipulates that the state Office of Emergency Management would oversee the situation if the county fire coordinator determines that the incident requires additional assistance from other parts of the state. If the emergency situation commends a statewide response or gubernatorial intervention, then the state fire coordinator would oversee the activity in accordance with the State Emergency Operations Plan.

The bill would require municipi-

palities to file their mutual fire aid plan with the State and county fire coordinator within one year of enactment of this legislation. The overall county fire plan would include complete inventories of personnel and equipment, a municipal fire mutual aid plan, and a listing of fire companies and departments involved in the plan. These plans would be required to be reviewed every two years.

The Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee approved the measure by a vote of 6-0. It now goes to the Assembly Speaker, who decides if and when to post it for a floor vote.

New Jersey For A Death Penalty Moratorium

STATE Two-thirds of New Jerseyans (66 percent) support a moratorium on New Jersey's death penalty, according to a Rutgers Eagleton poll released on May 30. Twenty-five percent of state voters polled say they are more likely to vote to reelect their representatives if they support a moratorium, while only seven percent are less likely to do so. Sixty four percent said the issue has no bearing on their voting intentions.

While 60 percent of New Jersey residents still claim to be in favor of the death penalty, that number weakens significantly if life without parole is offered as an alternative sentence. When given that possibility, 48 percent of New Jersey residents favor life without parole, over a death sentence (36 percent).

Additionally, of the group favoring capital punishment for murder (36 percent), when offered an additional choice of life without parole plus restitution to victims' families, 43 percent said they preferred life.

This is a dramatic shift in public opinion since 1999,

when only 37 percent of New Jersey residents preferred life imprisonment over execution for murder.

New Jerseyans' newly expressed preferred for a life sentence (48 percent) places them above the national average, which an ABC news poll reported earlier this month was 43 percent for life and 46 percent for death.

New Jerseyans for a Death Penalty Moratorium (NJDPM) announced the Eagleton poll results Thursday during a State House news conference. NJDPM reports nearly 10,000 members statewide and the backing of 161 other civic, labor and justice organizations, including every major religion in New Jersey. All support N.J. Assembly Bill A-1913 and Senate Bill S-1112, which propose a one-year moratorium on executions and a study of the death penalty system here. The bills currently are stalled in each chamber's Judiciary Committee.

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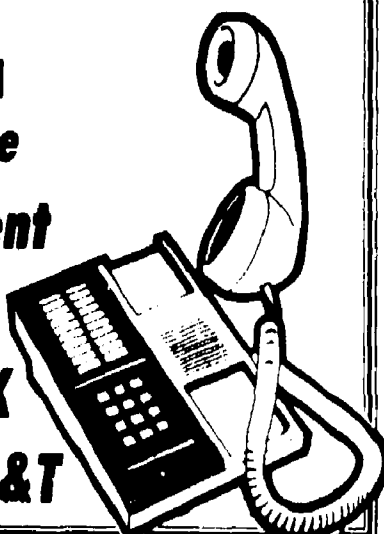
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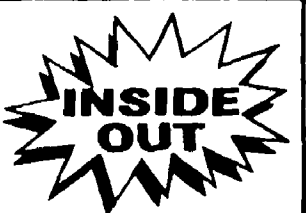
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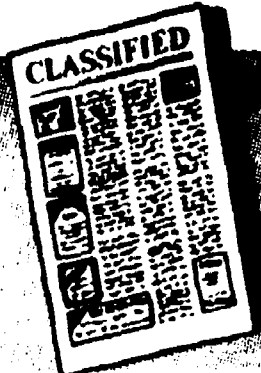
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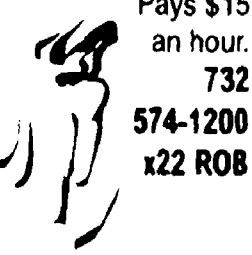
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**Conservation Partnership Honors Winners of Envirothon, Poster And Essay Contests**

AREA—A team from Kittatinny High School, Sussex County, who placed first in last weekend's statewide Envirothon was among those honored on May 20, during the New Jersey Conservation Partnership's 2002 Conservation Education Awards Ceremony.

The Envirothon is a natural-resource problem-solving competition that was held May 11 at Liberty State Park. The team from Kittatinny emerged the winner after the day-long competition and will advance to represent New Jersey in the national Envirothon competition this summer in Amherst, Mass.

Kittatinny High School has won this competition for eight of the past nine years.

Also honored at the ceremony were the winners of the Conservation Partnership's 2002 Conservation Essay and Poster contests, as well as a winner of the 2001 poster con-

test who earned national honors. **Conservation Essay Contest 2002:** Grade 7-9: First Place, Carlo Salvarani, Edison (Middlesex County) and Cassie Hsu of Freehold, who won first place for her poster last year in the Grade 2-3 category, went on to claim first prize in February in her grade level in the National Conservation Poster Contest.

The New Jersey Conservation Partnership is made up of the Department of Agriculture's State Soil Conservation Committee, the 16 Soil Conservation Districts represented by the New Jersey Association of Conservation Districts, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The partnership provides leadership and administers programs to help conserve, improve and sustain our natural resources and the environment.

Join A Nice Group

PERTH AMBOY—Get a few friends together and make up your own table at the Perth Amboy YMHA Senior Club.

The Y offers many things to their members at only \$35 a year dues.

There's a lunch every Monday for only \$1.75 followed by bingo or other games. Wednesday's feature is a free light lunch followed by a program of interest/entertainment to seniors. Thursday's feature is a special Star-On-Site program with a Social Worker and Nurse present and a free lunch. An exercise class is held every Monday, Wednesday and Thursday with Lois Tobias leading it.

Call the Y at (732) 442-0365 for more information.

The group meets at the Y, 316 Madison Avenue and there are two vans covering Woodbridge and nearby communities and Perth Amboy, Parlin, Old Bridge and Sayreville, for non-drivers.

Perth Amboy Receives Key Development Permit For Ferry Terminal

PERTH AMBOY—Perth Amboy has received its waterfront development permit from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), bringing the city one step closer to the operation of high-speed ferry service to Manhattan.

The permit, issued by the DEP's Land Use Division, essentially approves the site plan created by Lighthouse Fast Ferry for construction of a terminal facility.

Lighthouse intends to construct a floating dock terminal, an indoor waiting area and ticket booth and 450 free parking spaces for ferry commuters. The facilities will support the operation of two-250 passenger ferries that will transport commuters to and from Manhattan in approximately 40 minutes.

The ferries will make two stops in Manhattan—one at Pier 34

along the East River and another at Pier 11/Wall Street. The morning rush hour will include three hourly departures from Perth Amboy, scheduled to begin at 6 a.m. and the evening rush hour will include four hourly departures from Manhattan, beginning at 4:15 p.m.

Each ferry will be equipped with a full service snack bar, television, vcr's, comfortable indoor seating and outdoor seating during the warm weather months. Lighthouse Fast Ferry also plans to run weekend excursions to New York area baseball games, West Point, whale watching and various other special events.

Lighthouse expects to begin construction of the terminal shortly, with service being fully operational by the end of summer.

Scrabble Club Update

EDISON—The free weekly game nights at the Edison Scrabble Club on Tuesdays from 7-10 p.m. during the months of June, July, August and September, will be held at the Minnie E. Veal Community Center, 1070 Grove Avenue, North Edison.

Players of all ages regardless of residence are welcome

including beginners. The official Scrabble 96 two-letter word list will be given out. Call Walt at (732) 721-9218 or Lois at (732) 906-5496 for further information.

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