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Perth Amboy Moves Ahead With Plans

PERTH AMBOY—City officials are moving ahead with plans to build the \$600 Landings at Harborside project, which they say will bring the city \$400 million in new tax ratables.

However, before construction can proceed on this project, the city must relocate its existing police and fire headquarters, Municipal Court, and emergency medical services buildings.

A new public safety complex, bounded by New Brunswick Avenue, Ogden Place and Route 440 is planned to replace the existing structures. Work on both projects is scheduled to begin this summer.

However, to build the public safety complex, the city needs to acquire and demolish 18 homes and businesses on New Brun-

wick Avenue and Ogden Place.

Business- and home-owners, oppose the move. And they are not alone: over 6,000 people have signed a petition that says Sciortino's Pizzeria and their neighbors should not have to move.

"I'm sick over it. Where do we go?," said 86-year-old Sue Chiarella, who has lived with her husband in the same New Brunswick Avenue house for 55 years.

"It's going to be hard finding a place. They never took into consideration what this meant to anyone," added her husband, Joe.

The Seminski and Sciortino families, owners of Sciortino's Pizzeria since it opened in the 1930s, say that it's not just about losing a business.

"It's more than a business. It's

a family, a business, and a culture," says Louis Seminski, Jr.

City officials seem to feel that the past can't be allowed to stand in the way of progress. Mayor Joseph Vas said, "We want to do the right thing for everybody."

The public safety complex will include a 165,000 square-foot building at New Brunswick Avenue and Ogden Place to house the police department, a municipal court, a new public library, a recreation center with a swimming pool, a gymnasium and a daycare center.

The new fire headquarters and EMS building will be built on a tract of land on the other side of Ogden Place, closest to Route 440.

City officials admit that the cost of the public safety complex

will likely exceed the original figure of \$30 million, but the amount of the overrun is unclear.

The Sciortino family has proposed the construction of a parking deck instead of parking lots, which would enable the city to spare the pizzeria. However, according to city Business Administrator Donald Perlee, a deck for 275 cars would cost \$4.12 million and require about \$55,000 per year in maintenance. Purchasing and demolishing the homes and businesses is estimated at \$2.5 million.

Landings at Harborside, a \$600 million project on 49 acres of waterfront, will include 150,000 square feet of commercial space, 2,000 new homes, new parks and an expanded waterfront esplanade.

Mayor's Insurance License Revoked

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas, credited as the mastermind of Perth Amboy's \$1 million waterfront revitalization, was less successful at running his family business, according to the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance.

Documents show that Vas and his brother Ralph's insurance producer's licenses were revoked in 2000 by the state Department of Banking and Insurance. The

brothers were also ordered to pay nearly \$60,000 in fines. The mayor and his brother are still making those payments, according to state officials.

The Vas brothers, co-owners of R&J Insurance since 1979, were penalized when an administrative law judge ruled that their insurance company bounced 111 checks, worth more than \$200,000. Both brothers say that they were not active in the busi-

ness, which had nearly 50 employees, including 10 authorized to process payments.

Joseph Vas attributed the problems to "sloppy bookkeeping" and said that the amount of bounced checks was small in proportion to the thousands of checks R&J processed monthly.

"R&J operated for 18 years without any infractions. I'd consider this to be an isolated situation," Vas said.

The administrative law judge ruled that the Vas brothers could

be held responsible, even though they were not active in the business.

"This is not a minor error as to the amount of money in the account from which the checks were drawn," said Administrative Law Judge Beatrice Tylutki in her 2000 decision.

Vas said that the state's decision to revoke his license didn't affect him because he chose not to renew it in 1997, so he could concentrate on being mayor.

School Board Election Results Did You Vote...?

Edison Budget	☒ Yes ☐ No
Metuchen Budget	☒ Yes ☐ No
Perth Amboy Budget	☒ Yes ☐ No
Sayreville Budget	☒ Yes ☐ No
South Amboy Budget	☐ Yes ☒ No

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A recognized leader in the travel industry for over 25 years, Floram Travel will be providing refreshments and door prizes at their anniversary travel fest.

This will also be a great opportunity for visitors to obtain information on the widest range of vacation offerings, both domestic and international. If you should have any questions, call the staff at (732) 602-0400.

Colonia Middle School Treats Senior Citizens To A Prom

COLONIA—Colonia Middle School's "Kids for Kindness" Service-Learning Club has formed a close relationship with the senior citizens in the Colonia community through an intergenerational program.

In order to bring the generations together, in an effort to confront the stereotypes surrounding each group, the students will be participating in an intergenerational program with their own grandparents and the senior citizens from the Evergreen Center.

On May 10, Colonia Middle

School's "Kids for Kindness" club will again host a senior citizens' "Prom" for seniors from the Evergreen Center and their grandparents. The seniors will be treated to an afternoon of music, refreshments and entertainment.

The Colonia Middle School Concert Band, under the direction of Mr. Nevins, the instrumental music teacher, will delight everyone with a spirited performance. Best of all, the companionship formed between the generations is always a joy to observe.

Iselin Bank Grand Opening

ISELIN—Synergy Bank is pleased to announce the grand opening of its newest branch on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The branch is located at 1162 Green Street, Iselin and features drive-up service, a 24-hour ATM, an Internet banking station, safe deposit boxes and convenient hours.

The branch lobby hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Drive-up service is available Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. The ATM is accessible around the clock.

Synergy wants you to join in the celebration! On Grand Opening day, there will be food, fun, special rates, and free gifts for everyone who stops by the branch. Those who open a personal checking, savings, money market, or money maximizer account with \$250 or more beginning at the Grand Opening will receive a single-use camera, while supplies last. Those who open a Certificate of Deposit will receive a musical compact disk, while supplies last. To mark the branch opening, Synergy will make a donation to the Woodbridge Township Police Department, the East and West Iselin Fire Departments and the Iselin First Aid Squad Plus...to celebrate the Grand Opening. Synergy is sponsoring the Dream of a Lifetime Sweepstakes. The lucky winner will receive the choice of an all-expense paid trip, maid service for a year, or a shopping spree!

For more information, stop by the Iselin branch office, call Synergy at (800) 693-3838 or visit their website at www.syneryonthenet.com.

Dinner-Theatre Trip

PERTH AMBOY—The Perth Amboy YMHA Seniors will visit the Fiesta Dinner Theatre on Tuesday, May 14 to see the show, "Grandpa Stole My Girlfriend."

Your selection of a lunch, transportation from the Y M - HA and the show is only \$50,

complete. Call the "Y" at (732) 442-0365 for information and if you are interested, a deposit of \$25 will be required now and full payment is due by April 26.

The Y is located at 316 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy.

Save the Pizza at Sciortino's

SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT—Onlookers show their support for Sciortino's Pizzeria by holding signs and signing petitions to save the Perth Amboy pizzeria. The city plans to demolish the pizzeria to build a parking lot for their proposed new public safety complex.



PIZZAS TO GO—Louis Seminski Jr. (C.) presents pizzas to go to Greg T. (L.) and Scott (R.) from Z100's Morning Show. Sciortino's Pizzeria in Perth Amboy played host to the Z100 morning show last week.

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Annual School Drive Nets Record 38 Tons Of Food

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Students, teachers and staff at 137 Middlesex County schools collected 38.4 tons of canned goods and non-perishable food, baby supplies and personal items during the 2002 spring food drive sponsored by M.C.F.O.O.D.S. (Middlesex County Food Outreach Organization and Distribution System).

Both the number of schools participating and the amount of food collected are records for the annual school food drive, now in its seventh year of operation. Last year, 105 schools collected 31 tons. All the food and supplies collected will be distributed to Middlesex County food

pantries and soup kitchens. The 2002 drive ran from February 25 until March 8.

Middlesex County Freeholder Jane Z. Brady, a founder of M.C.F.O.O.D.S. and the chair of the annual school drive, said that the collections from the drive should help offset the growing need for food at distribution centers throughout the County.

During the drive, students brought canned goods and non-perishable food items, personal supplies such as toothpaste and deodorant, and baby supplies such as diapers and wipes to their schools.

The items were placed in green plastic collection bins provided by the Middlesex County

Improvement Authority (MCIA). Staff members from the MCIA and the County Parks, Roads and Public Property Departments collected the bins and transported them to the M.C.F.O.O.D.S. warehouse on Jersey Avenue, New Brunswick, where they were sorted by other volunteers.

The three schools that collected the most food and supplies are: Emma L. Arleth School in Parlin (72 containers, 3,528 pounds); East Brunswick Vocational School in East Brunswick (41 containers, 2,009 pounds) and Martin Luther King School, Edison (32 containers, 1,568 pounds). Schools that collected 1,000 or more pounds of

food and supplies are: Indian Fields School in Dayton (1,372 pounds); Memorial School in Lawrence Harbor (1,274 pounds); Frost School in East Brunswick (1,127 pounds); School #10 in Perth Amboy (1,078 pounds); Eisenhower School in Piscataway (1,078 pounds); Judd Elementary School in North Brunswick (1,078 pounds); Ben Franklin School in Edison (1,000 pounds); Lindeneau School in Edison (1,000 pounds); St. Helena School in Edison (1,000

pounds); South Amboy Elementary School (1,000 pounds) and Cranbury School (1,000 pounds).

Along with the food and supplies, M.C.F.O.O.D.S. received a \$175 supermarket gift certificate from the kindergarten and first grade students at the Schoenly School in Spotswood. The children had collected pennies to use in counting projects earlier in the school year and then used the money to purchase the gift certificate as part of the food drive effort.

VFW Loyalty Day Plans

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — District 8 leaders Commander Fred Rapp and Auxiliary President Barbara Taylor announced Loyalty Day plans within the District for a celebration on Sunday, April 28 in Spotswood, commencing at 4 p.m.

Loyalty Day chairs are Jr. Vice Commander Richard Bradshaw of Spotswood Post 4589 and Eileen Courtney of So. Brunswick 9111 Auxiliary.

Bradshaw said "Loyalty Day had been originally established years ago by the VFW as a counter-measure to the Communist May Day on May 1. Now, with the fall of communism, the VFW showcases a Loyalty Day Program to remind ourselves, and others, that there is no substitute for loyalty to our country and our flag and that patriotism is still alive and well. This is especially true now after the tragedies of Sept 11 and our troops now serving in Afghanistan. It is a day we should all be grateful to a nation that has given us so much," Bradshaw concluded.

This year's celebration will be a patriotic rally and a Massing of Colors on the grounds of the

Spotswood VFW post on Daniel Road. Assembly of units will be on Daniel and Manalapan Roads at 3:30 p.m. Units from throughout New Jersey, but predominately from the Middlesex County area, will be participating. Along with the VFW will be other veteran groups such as the American Legion, Catholic War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Marine Corps League, Pearl Harbor Survivors, Vietnam Veterans of America and former Prisoners of War.

Civic groups, Boy and Girl Scout Troops, Knights of Columbus, BPO of Elks, fraternal orders and others will also join in this short march and display of Americanism and loyalty.

Staging will be done by Steven Fodor of Fords VFW Post 6090, assisted by James Erb of Post 133 East Brunswick. Appearing also will be the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets of NWS Earle who will present their visual American Flag History Demonstration. Color guards from all groups are requested to attend this function and will be led by the District Honor and Color Guard from the Spotswood Post under the com-

mand of Captain Gary Stoop.

There will be an awarding of the John Kriczar Trophy for the best appearing VFW color guard. The 8th District soloist John Matts of Edison Post 3117 will sing the national anthem and other musical renditions by Aux. soloist Berniece Szymborski of Colonia 6061 Ladies Auxiliary.

The keynote speaker will be VFW State Commander Don Marshall of Bayville. Spotswood Mayor Barry Zagnit will be present. Governor James E. McGreevey and State VFW Auxiliary President Mary Bailey have also been invited.

Following the program refreshments will be served by the Ladies Auxiliary of Spotswood and music and entertainment will be provided by Billy Phillips.

The next and final meeting is April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Spotswood VFW Home Post on Daniel Road. Post Commanders and Auxiliary Presidents are expected to be in attendance for final instructions.

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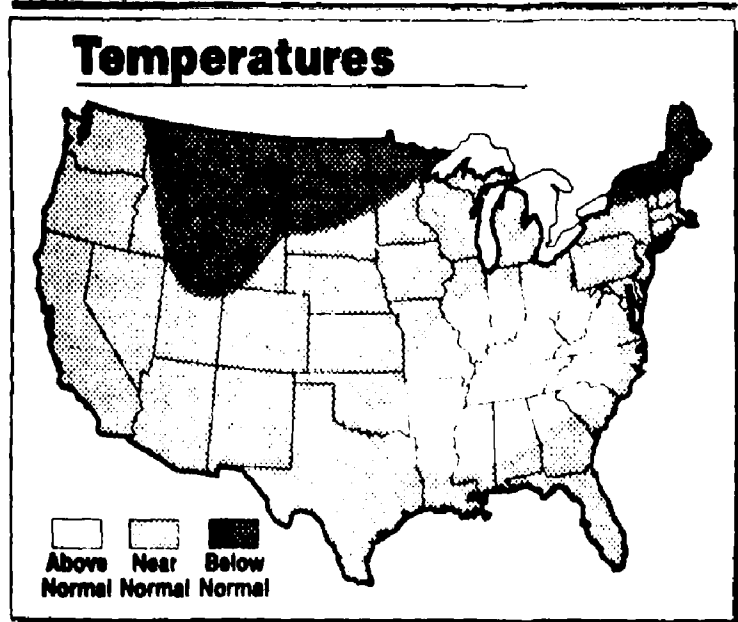
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Cloudy.	Cloudy; it may shower.	Cloudy with a few showers.	Cloudy with rain at times.	Mostly sunny.	Sunshine and some clouds.	Times of sun and clouds.	Mainly cloudy and windy.
74	53	76/52	72/46	63/33	62/38	68/43	61/55

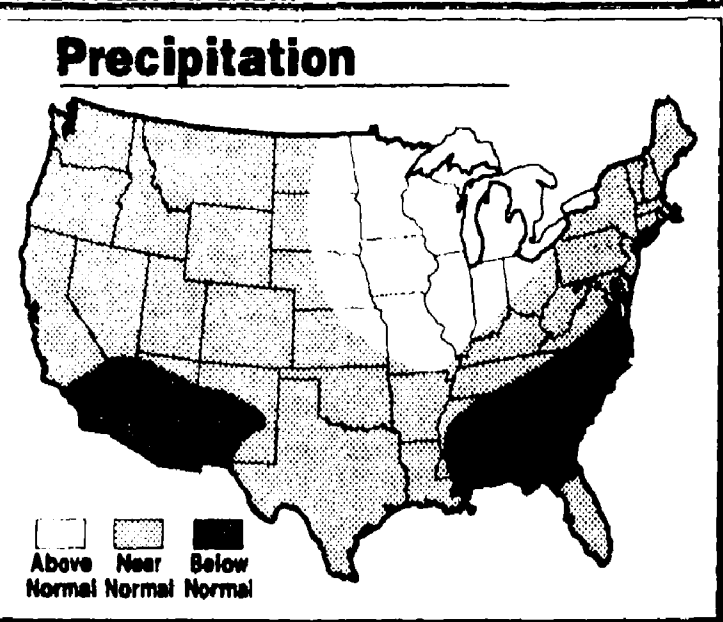
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

A deep trough over the West will begin to lift out into the Plains during this period. Below-normal temperatures will continue over the northern Rockies and expand into the northern Plains. The Northeast will experience below-normal temperatures as the jet stream dips down over New England. Temperatures will be above normal in the Southeast. Above-normal rainfall is expected across the Midwest.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	80 60 pc	82 62 pc	80 60 c	78 58 sh
Boston	76 56 c	72 52 c	70 48 c	55 31 pc
Chicago	70 48 c	60 38 c	50 36 pc	60 44 c
Cleveland	68 50 sh	68 46 t	60 42 c	56 40 s
Denver	66 35 pc	46 29 r	50 33 c	56 35 pc
Des Moines	74 48 pc	59 35 c	54 40 s	61 39 sh
Detroit	68 50 c	66 44 t	55 36 c	57 33 pc
Houston	88 68 s	88 68 pc	88 66 t	86 66 pc
Indianapolis	72 54 c	74 48 t	64 39 c	60 34 pc
Kansas City	78 56 pc	72 52 t	76 56 pc	72 48 t
Los Angeles	72 50 pc	74 48 s	73 48 s	76 43 s
Miami	86 72 pc	86 74 sh	86 74 s	86 72 sh
Minn. - St. Paul	60 40 sh	56 36 pc	54 36 pc	58 40 r
New Orleans	84 70 s	84 68 sh	86 66 s	80 66 pc
New York City	80 60 c	76 56 sh	72 52 r	60 35 s
Omaha	76 46 t	60 36 pc	58 40 c	62 40 c
Phoenix	81 55 s	79 55 s	83 58 s	90 47 s
San Francisco	63 47 s	69 48 s	65 48 s	63 41 pc
Seattle	58 40 pc	62 42 pc	59 43 c	56 31 sh
Washington	88 66 c	86 64 sh	82 58 r	66 37 pc

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 6:14 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
Fri. 6:13 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 9:58 a.m.	12:40 a.m.
Fri. 10:54 a.m.	1:38 a.m.
Moon Phases	
First	Full
Apr 20	Apr 26
May 4	May 12
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	53 39 c	51 44 pc	52 46 r	56 41 c
Berlin	50 44 c	52 43 c	58 48 c	53 46 r
Buenos Aires	65 57 s	68 55 pc	66 48 s	67 49 s
Cairo	79 49 s	80 49 s	77 47 s	76 49 s
Jerusalem	63 41 pc	62 40 s	61 41 s	60 40 s
Johannesburg	83 57 pc	84 54 s	82 56 s	81 55 s
London	54 38 pc	53 47 pc	56 43 c	59 43 pc
Madrid	66 44 pc	68 46 pc	66 46 c	69 49 c
Mexico City	79 55 pc	77 54 pc	79 56 c	77 56 c
Moscow	54 42 sh	53 38 c	58 46 c	56 49 r
Paris	53 35 pc	52 49 pc	51 38 r	56 39 pc
Rio de Janeiro	82 70 pc	81 70 pc	81 71 c	79 69 c
Rome	61 43 pc	63 44 pc	61 49 c	59 47 r
San Juan	83 74 pc	82 75 r	83 75 sh	83 76 sh
Seoul	60 42 s	64 45 s	69 60 pc	73 58 c
Sydney	75 55 pc	74 58 c	74 50 pc	71 49 pc
Tokyo	62 50 pc	61 51 pc	63 53 s	64 63 r
Toronto	62 43 pc	63 42 r	43 21 pc	42 27 pc
Winnipeg	42 19 sn	33 11 pc	35 26 pc	44 38 c
Zurich	52 37 c	54 41 c	51 45 r	52 40 sh

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

APRIL 21 from 2-6 p.m.—The American Legion Post #263, 1155 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, will be hosting a spaghetti supper, served buffet style. The tickets are \$6 for adults, children 7-12, \$4. Take outs are available and a 50/50 is also available with door prizes.

APRIL 22, 24 AND 25—Harry Potter Day will be at the Edison Libraries. The North Edison Branch, April 22, Clara Barton Branch, April 24 and Edison Main Library on April 25. There will be make and take crafts. No registration required.

APRIL 22, 23 AND 24—Dr. Seuss Day will be enjoyed at the Edison Libraries. Come out to do special crafts and puzzle sheets and receive special handouts. No registration is required. Edison Main Library, April 22; North Edison Branch, April 23 and Clara Barton Branch, April 24.

APRIL 22 at 8 p.m.—The 8 & 40 Salon #146 of the American Legion Auxiliary will hold their annual Tricky Tray at the Westfield Legion Hall, North Avenue, Westfield.

APRIL 23 at 11:30 a.m.—The children's department of the Dowdell Library will hold a story-time for children ages 3-4. Call (732) 721-6060 for further information.

APRIL 24 at 3:30 p.m.—The children's department of the Dowdell Library will hold a story-time for children ages 5 and up. For further information, call (732) 721-6060.

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The American Heart Association invites people throughout the Garden State to learn CPR - absolutely FREE - on

Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28 at the American Heart Association's second annual **CPR Weekend**. More than 40 New Jersey locations will be participating in the American Heart Association's CPR Weekend, providing the public FREE CPR training.

CPR Weekend is an American Heart Association Operation Heartbeat activity. Space is limited at many locations so register today for **CPR Weekend** in New Jersey. **CPR training locations will not be accepting walk-in traffic.** Registration is required. Call 1-877-AHA-4CPR today.

The American Heart Association is a national voluntary health organization whose mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke. The American Heart Association achieves its mission through cardiovascular education and community programs, research and advocacy, and spent close to \$382 million during fiscal year 2000-2001 on research support, public and professional education, and community programs. The American Heart Association is the largest voluntary health organization fighting heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases, which annually kill

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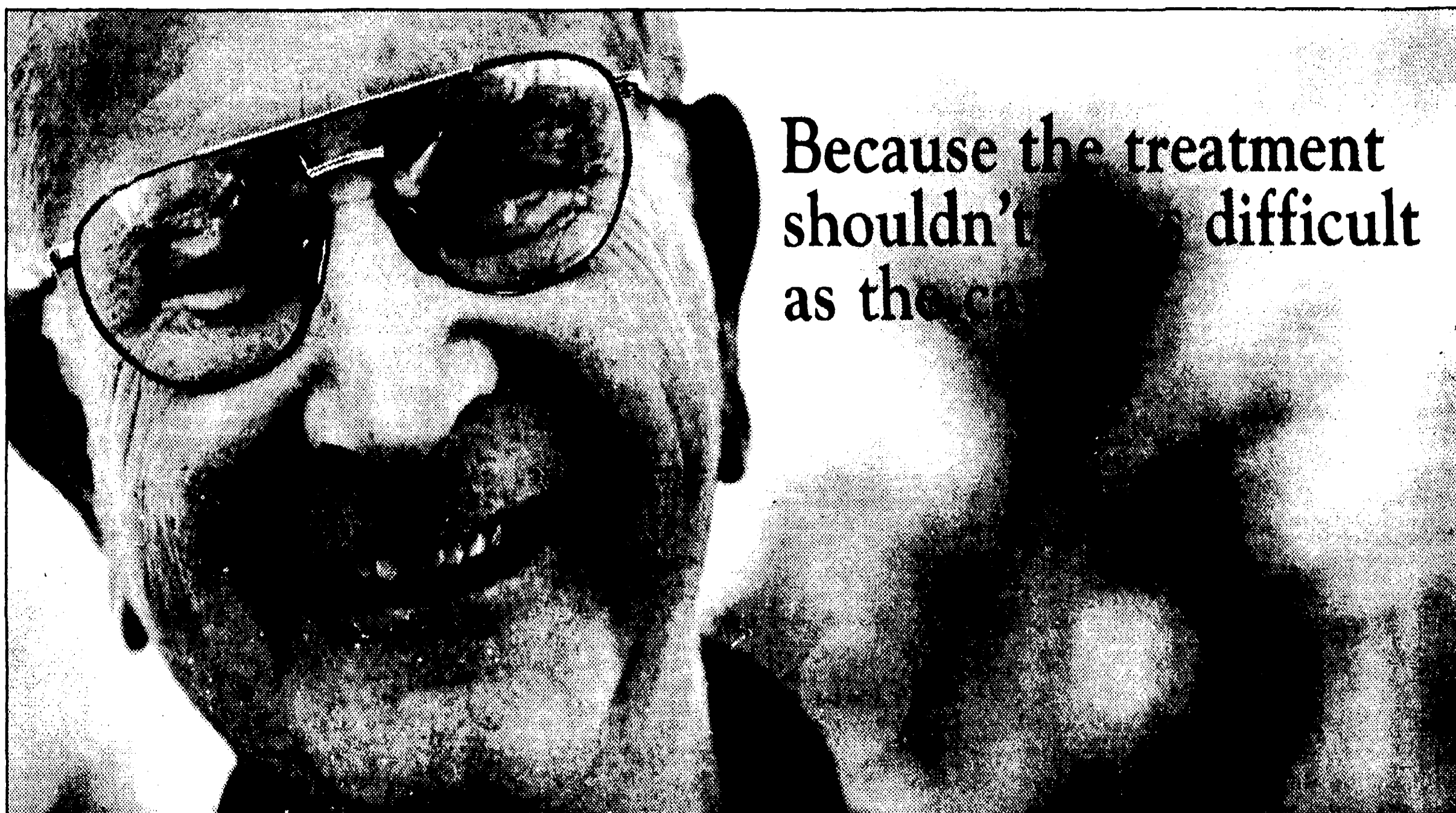
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

State Theatre Presents Cherish The Ladies

AREA—The flavor of St. Patrick's Day will linger at the State Theatre long after the corned beef and cabbage is finished. On Friday, April 26 at 8 p.m. *Cherish the Ladies*, one of the most engaging all-female music ensembles, will perform their infectious brand of contemporary and traditional Irish music. These Celtic kindred

spirits will bring to the stage a compelling mix of jigs, reels and airs, wistful ballads of love and longing, folk songs, and even a bawdy tune, all capturing the Irish experience from the 1600's to the present. Champion Irish stepdancers will make a guest appearance during this performance.

The evening will get started

with a performance by renowned violinist Dough Cameron. Perhaps best known for his smooth jazz recordings, Cameron is featured in this turn-about performance that puts him in touch with his Scottish heritage.

Tickets for this performance are on sale now for \$38 (Premium Orchestra/Loge),

\$34 (Orchestra/Front Balcony), \$28 (Rear Orchestra/ Balcony) and \$20 (Gallery). The State Theatre box office is located at 15 Livingston avenue, New Brunswick. For telephone ticket orders or information, call (732) 246-7469 or toll free (877) STATE 11 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;

and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Patrons may order tickets online at www.StateTheatreNJ.org. The State Theatre is equipped with a listening system to assist patrons who are hard of hearing and the main floor is wheelchair accessible. Program notes are available in large print or audiotape format for this event.

POPCORN™ "High Crimes" Makes For Low Expectations



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By Michael S. Goldberger

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If films had names like perfumes, "High Crimes" might justifiably be called "Eau de Various Court Martial Movies." Because although director Carl Franklin's moderately engaging saga about a soldier being court-martialed for a 1988 massacre in El Salvador, which he did or did not commit, has just recently been released, it sure seems like we've seen this one before.

And that's because over the years we have, albeit in several variations and permutations, distributed in bits and fragments in an uncountable number of like-minded films. The familiar old theme has by now achieved the status of bona fide cliché, and as such can only be elevated by great writing, inventive direction or especially inspired acting performances. Fail on all three counts and, oops, your platitudes are showing.

You know the drill by now, soldier. The Marine Corps is

intent on hanging this guy. The word is it's a cover-up for yet even more government meddling, bungling and murder. And of course the links of guilt go pretty high. Maybe even as high as Brigadier General William Marks (Bruce Davison). Thus the title, "High Crimes." Get it? Get it?

Bred on Perry Mason and the such, we're used to defense attorneys pulling all sorts of legal rabbits out of the judicial hat and working their way to an acquittal via a symphony of perfectly sonorous objections. All along the sleepy judge has pounded his gavel, alternately declaring "overruled" or "sustained." And then in the eleventh hour the defense jets the star witness in from left field and that's the ball game.

But that's strictly civilian stuff, see? Wake up and smell the chipped beef on toast, we're told. This is the military. They're

playing by different rules now. Especially the judge in this case, who excludes as inadmissible practically anything the defense tenders. Wonder whose pocket he's in?

Fighting them seems impossible. And it is all neatly summarized by Morgan Freeman in a superbly illustrative quote which highlights the trailer for "High Crimes." As Charlie Grimes, a down-and-out but formerly top-notch Marine attorney who's had a bout with the bottle, he informs lawyer Claire Kubik (Ashley Judd), wife of the accused, thusly: "Military justice is to justice what military music is to music." Sousa fans may beg to differ, but it's a great line all the same.

Now, you'd think the challenge of a military trial for Tony Frisco defense counselor Claire Kubik would be enough plot baggage for one movie. And if screenwriter Yuri Zeltser's adaptation of Joseph Finder's novel packed any sort of creative punch, you'd be correct. But it does not. Thus, to coin a phrase, since the filmmakers cannot dazzle us with brilliance, they attempt to baffle us with, well, let's call it obfuscation. And the

big cloud here is the actual identity of the defendant.

When Claire married him, he said he was Tom Kubik. But the Marines say he's Sergeant Ron Chapman. Played by James Caviezel, he contends he changed his name when he took it on the lam to evade the military frame job. And we kind of believe him. Yet when he offers to take a polygraph test, we don't try to stop him, either. It would be nice to put our doubts to rest. Surprisingly, even Claire thinks so. Afterwards, however, Major Hernandez (Juan Carlos Hernandez), Tom/Ron's arch-enemy and supposedly the real killer who's behind the set-up, puts a little bee in our helmet. He informs that special forces types like Claire's husband have been trained to "beat the machine." In other words, outwit the lie detector.

As a result, not only aren't we sure if he's innocent. We also aren't too certain who he is. And as the script never does figure how to make us both supportive and suspect of the accused, Caviezel's character is ultimately rendered a bit too besides the point.

But don't let that spoil things. What the heck. We have a very

winning character---this successful attorney portrayed by Ashley Judd---Miss Role Model 2002. Just oozing Donna Karan, she's tres Yuppie shark---a sort of younger version of Michelle Pfeiffer's high-priced mouthpiece in "I Am Sam" (2002). The confidence is seductive.

And while he's been in finer fettle, Mr. Freeman as her rumpled and avuncular counterbalance, just the reinforcement you need if you're going to take on the Marines, still satisfies the age-old movie bromide that recovering alcoholics make the best lawyers, especially when it comes to truly impossible causes (i.e. Paul Newman in "The Verdict"--1982). And while saving "High Crimes" from its filmic offenses may be just a little too impossible, the thespic synergy Judd and Freeman realize certainly heightens this courtroom drama's chances for appeal.

"High Crimes," rated PG-13, is a 20th Century Fox release directed by Carl Franklin and stars Ashley Judd, Morgan Freeman and James Caviezel. Running time: 105 minutes

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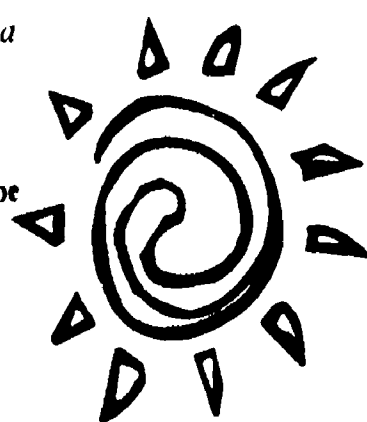
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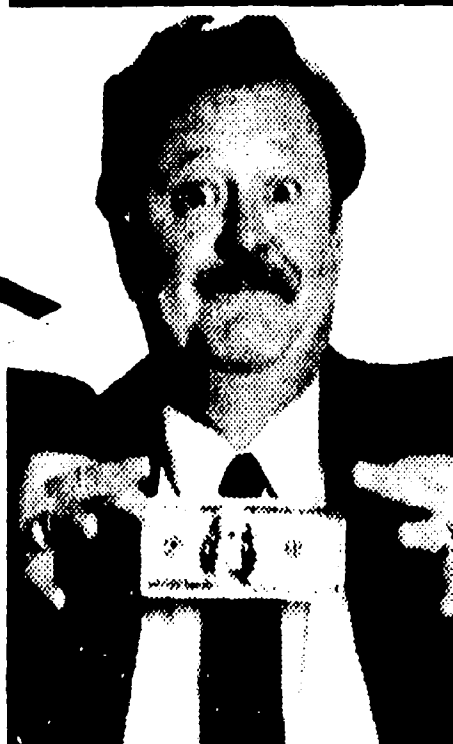
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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Bayshore Joins UMDNJ In Lab Technician Recruitment

HOLMDEL—The Laboratory at Bayshore Community Hospital, celebrating National Medical Laboratory Week (April 14-20) is focusing attention on the education, clinical training and recruitment of Medical Laboratory Technicians (MLTs) and Medical Technologists (MTs). Laboratory professionals are not as visible as other hospital professionals – however, their role in the overall care of the patient is vital.

Accredited by the Commission on Laboratory Accreditation of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), Bayshore Community Hospital recently joined forces with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) as a clinical affiliate for their MLT and MT training programs. These pro-

grams have been crucial, especially since many area training programs that help supply laboratory professionals to hospitals and laboratories in Monmouth and Ocean counties have closed in recent years.

"There is a worsening shortage of qualified medical technicians and technologists nationwide. In New Jersey, we expect that only 60 medical technicians and technologists will graduate from the accredited programs this year – a 40% decline since 1998," explained Karen Feeney, MPA, MT (ASCP) DLM laboratory manager at Bayshore Community Hospital. "The demand for laboratory professionals is increasing. New tests are constantly being developed. As the population grows older, more

testing is being done to monitor chronic diseases. Laboratory professionals are highly recruited in the pharmaceutical industry, thus severely limiting the pool of qualified applicants for hospital laboratories."

The MLT training program at UMDNJ is a two-year course of study that culminates in a Associate of Applied Science Degree. The degree is offered jointly by UMDNJ and one of three New Jersey community colleges; Essex, Hudson and Union County. Students receive their academic course work and some lab work at these locations and then as part of a 10-month rotation, which includes Bayshore's laboratory, students gain hands-on practical skills in a clinical setting.

MLTs perform routine testing in a clinical laboratory such as analysis of blood for glucose and cholesterol, identifying common

microorganisms that cause infections, performing blood cell counts to detect anemia and leukemia and donor blood testing to ensure safe transfusions.

There is also a Medical Technologists (MT) course of study which is a four-year program and is offered through UMDNJ and 10 colleges and universities throughout the state of New Jersey and which rotates through

Bayshore Community Hospital. MTs perform similar duties as an MLT, as well as special lab procedures such as drug and hormone analysis and tests to monitor the adverse effects of therapy.

Further information about these educational programs may be obtained by calling the UMDNJ-SHRP, Department of Clinical Laboratory Science at (973) 972-5578.



READY FOR SUCCESS —
Christine Emerson, Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) student in UMDNJ's MLT program, performs clinical training duties at Bayshore Community Hospital, now a clinical training site for UMDNJ.

PUBLIC NOTICES

"BECAUSE THE PEOPLE MUST KNOW"

(Editor's Note: Public Notice advertising plays a unique role both in American history and in the process by which the country's democracy is preserved. Its one premise is that people must be informed if they are to govern themselves competently. Public Notice advertising first came into being with the Congress of 1792. That body, recognizing its responsibility to the people, required the Postmaster General to advertise for bids for the construction of new post offices. From that inauspicious beginning to the complex publication requirements in federal, state and local laws today, government officials have come more and more to understand their obligations to inform the public through Public Notices advertising. Newspapers over the years have been the vehicle by which these obligations have been fulfilled. They will continue to be as long as the public demands that it be informed frequently and by the best means possible.) The News Record/Patriot is designated as a legal newspaper in Union County. The deadline is **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** Notices that require extensive typing and proof-reading such as multiple page budgets, foreclosures and liens, need to be submitted in advance in order to meet the publication deadline as stated above. * We strongly urge that legals arrive on a PC-compatible disc in an ASCII format. *

PUBLIC NOTICE

NEW AUTOMATIC DOORS

The Woodbridge Housing Authority will receive sealed bids to INSTALL NEW AUTOMATIC DOORS at the existing Public Housing Developments listed below:

- NJ33-2 Stern Towers - 55 Brook Street, Woodbridge
- NJ33-3F Olsen Towers - 555 New Brunswick Ave., Fords
- NJ33-31 Cooper Towers - 1422 Oak Tree Rd., Iselin

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on April 19th, 2002 at the Housing Authority offices located at 20 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095.

Sealed bids for this work will be received by the Authority at the Authority offices located at 20 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey, until 10:30 a.m. prevailing time, on April 30, 2002 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid Form, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Division I, Drawings, Specifications, and other Contract Documents will be on file during the business day from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Housing Authority Offices Located at 20 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey 07095. Copies thereof may be obtained upon paying a non-refundable deposit of (\$75.00) for each complete set. Deposit checks shall be made payable to the Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge.

All required bids, certifications and other forms required to be submitted by bidders are to be prepared on the proposal forms found in the bid form and the bid bond must be 5% of the total bid amount.

All bonds used to satisfy the bid surety requirement must be issued by surety firms licensed to issue such bonds in the State of New Jersey and be listed in the US Treasury Circular No. 570 (T-listed surety) and regardless of the method the bidder proposes to meet the bid surety requirement, it must also produce with the Bid a Consent of Surety written by a T-listed surety. Registry in the US Treasury Circular No. 570 as a reinsurance company does not satisfy the foregoing requirements that the surety company be listed as approved as surety.

The successful bidder will also be required to produce 100% payment and performance bond written by a T-listed surety, prior to the Authorities issuance of a notice to proceed.

The Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in the bids received and to accept any bid which is deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority. The Authority may also award one or more contracts to one or more bidders.

The Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicapped status in the employment or procurement of services.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975 Chapter

127 (N.J.A.C. 17:27) Affirmative Action; P.L. 1977 Chapter 38 (Disclosure); and Requirements as to minimum wage to be paid under the contract.

Bids will remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening thereof. If you have any questions please call Ash Marathe at 732-634-2750.

By Order of
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ROOF REMOVAL & REPLACEMENT

The Woodbridge Housing Authority will receive sealed bids to REMOVE & REPLACE ROOF at the existing Public Housing Developments listed below:

- NJ33-5 19 Martin Terrace, Woodbridge - Finn Towers

Sealed bids for this work will be received by the Authority at the Authority offices located at 20 Bunn Lane, Woodbridge, New Jersey, until 11:30 a.m. prevailing time, on April 30, 2002 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The Instructions to Bidders, Bid

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS**Kean University Seminar Offers Advice For Buying A Small Business Or Franchise**

UNION— If you have decided to go into business for yourself, plan to attend the seminar titled *How to Buy a Business or Franchise*, presented by Kean University's Small Business Development Center on Tuesday, April 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the school's East Campus, Room 158 A, on North Avenue, Hillside.

Whether you are interested in acquiring an existing business or buying into a franchise, this workshop will help you determine the appropriate course of action. Jack Armstrong, president of Franchise Network of New Jersey in Linden and Lawrenceville, will discuss how to select a business that provides

income, what the investment ranges are, sources of financing and how to diligently research the business or franchise before putting any money down. The seminar will also explain how to find which businesses or franchises are for sale; key issues in negotiations; dealing with landlords, banks, vendors and

employees; and many other items of interest.

The seminar is co-sponsored by the Kean University Office of Continuing and Professional Education and the Greater Elizabeth Chamber of Commerce. There is a fee of \$15 per person or \$20 for two, which includes handouts, coffee and

danish. Special arrangements for people with disabilities can be made upon request. Be sure to bring business cards and brochures for networking purposes.

For further information or to register for the workshop, contact Mira Kostak at (908) 527-2946.

Building And Financing Small Businesses

UNION—Kean University's Small Business Development Center is offering a free workshop titled *Building and Financing Your Business* on Friday, April 26 from 9-11:30 a.m. at Elizabethtown Gas, 1085 Morris Avenue, Union.

Representatives from the

U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) and the New Jersey Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will be on hand to provide information on the business loan programs and technical assistance programs offered by the SBA to those considering starting a

business. Leading area bank lenders will also be there to discuss their role in the SBA's Guaranteed Lending Program. Lenders will explain what comprises a good loan proposal, how to increase the likelihood of obtaining a loan and how to navigate the loan application process.

Following the presentation, representatives of the SBA, the SBDC, the Service Corps of

Retired Executives (SCORE) and local lenders will be available for individual consultations. Attendees will also learn about the SBA's 7(a) Loan Guaranty Program and 8(a) Minority Small Business Set-Aside Program. They will also have the opportunity to review their business plans with a small business counselor and discuss their loan applications with a bank loan counselor.

The seminar is co-sponsored by the Union County Economic Development Corporation of Union. Special arrangements for people with disabilities can be made upon request. Be sure to bring business cards and brochures for networking purposes.

For further information or to register for the workshop, contact Mira Kostak at (908) 527-2946.

Haven't Filed Last Year's Tax Return? Here's What To Do

AREA — The IRS says it hears many reasons from taxpayers for not filing a tax return. You may not have known whether you were required to file. Whatever the reason, it's best to file your return as soon as you can. If you need help, even with a late return, the IRS

is ready to assist you.

The failure to file a return can be costly - whether you end up owing more or miss out on a refund. If you owe taxes, a delay in filing may result in a "failure to file" penalty and interest charges. The longer you delay, the larger these charges grow.

There is no penalty for failure to file if you are due a refund. But if you wait too long to file, you may risk losing the refund altogether. The deadline for claiming refunds is three years after the return due date.

Individuals who are entitled to the Earned Income Tax Credit

must file their return to claim the credit even if they are not otherwise required to file.

Whether or not you must file a tax return will depend upon a number of factors, including your filing status, age, and gross income. Some taxpayers are required to file whether or not

they owe money. Even if you do not meet any of the requirements, you should file a return if you are due a refund.

For more information on how to file a tax return from a prior year, visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov, call the IRS toll-free customer assistance line at 1-800-829-1040, or visit your local IRS office.

Amended Returns

AREA — Oops! You've discovered an error after your tax return has been filed. What to do? You may need to amend your return, according to the IRS.

The IRS usually corrects math errors or requests forms (such as W-2s) or schedules left out. In these instances, do not amend your return. However, do

file an amended return if any of the following were reported incorrectly:

- Your filing status
- Your total income
- Your deductions or credits

Use Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," to correct a previously filed Form 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, or electronically-

filed return.

If you are filing to claim an additional refund, wait until you have received your original refund. You may cash that check while waiting on any additional refund. If you owe additional tax for 2001, you should file Form 1040X and pay the tax by April 15, 2002, to avoid any penalty and interest.

Generally, to claim a refund, you must file Form 1040X within three years from the date you filed your original return or within two years from the date you paid the tax, whichever is later.

If the changes involve another schedule or form, attach it to the 1040X. If you are filing more than one

amended return, be sure to mail each in a separate envelope to the IRS center for the area in which you live. The 1040X instructions list the addresses for the centers. You may download forms and publications from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov or order them by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

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Would You Buy A House Again?

AREA—Thinking about putting your house on the market this spring? First, imagine yourself as the potential buyer of your home. Would you buy your house again, or are there some turn-offs that would have you back at the realtor's office—and

quick. Take a stroll through and take notes because these may be some of the same concerns that potential homebuyers will have—and these are just the problems that are visible.

In order to take the surprise out of the buyer's pre-purchase

inspection, many sellers are opting to have their own pre-listing inspections.

Repairing any defects before a house goes on the market can actually save the seller money in the long run. Real estate experts show that a buyer will discount your house \$200 for every \$100 of needed repairs.

Very often, people who've lived in a home for several years are oblivious to some of its problems, even obvious ones like roof leaks, cracked tiles, plumbing problems, sagging flooring or water in the basement. For sellers, hiring a professional inspector to check out the house—before putting it on the market—helps them realize these issues.

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Reminiscences From New Jersey World War II Veterans

MORRISTOWN — A thought provoking exhibition title *Share your Story: Reminiscences from New Jersey World War II Veterans* will be on view at the Morris Museum from June 25-

November 10. The public will be introduced to a critical era in the history of our country. The exhibition will be presented through the lens of active participants drawn from our regional community. It will

dramatize the impact that the war had in our own region just a few decades ago.

Share your Story: Reminiscences from New Jersey World War II Veterans will combine the museum's exten-

sive collection of World War II posters, toys and artifacts of the war period, expertise of the NJ Department of Veteran Affairs, the AMVETS of New Jersey, the Rutgers Oral History Archives of World

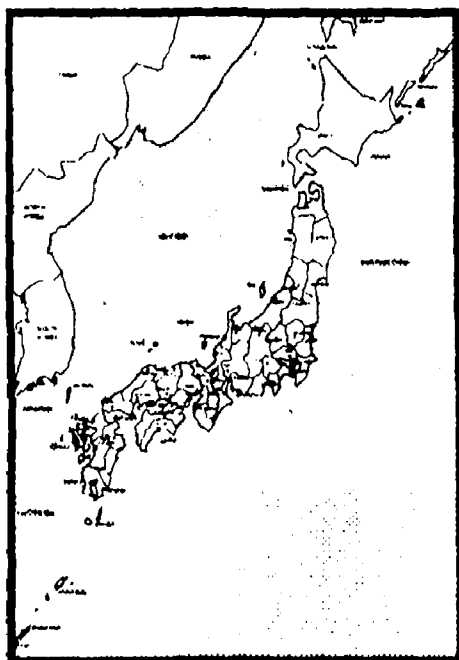
War II and the personal stories, letters, photographs and oral histories of Morris County World War II veterans to experience what it was like to live in New Jersey during World War II.

Vazquez Reports To Tokyo

PERTH AMBOY—Air Force Staff Sgt. Keri A. Vazquez has arrived for duty at Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan.

Vazquez is a retirements, separation and formal training supervisor assigned to the 374th Mission Support Squadron. She has eight years of military service.

She is the daughter of Rebecca L. Golding of Portland, Ore., and David H. Whitmore of Tigard, Ore. Her husband, Joseph, is the son of Norman and Teodula Vazquez of Perth Amboy.



The sergeant is a 1992 graduate of Oregon City High School, Ore.

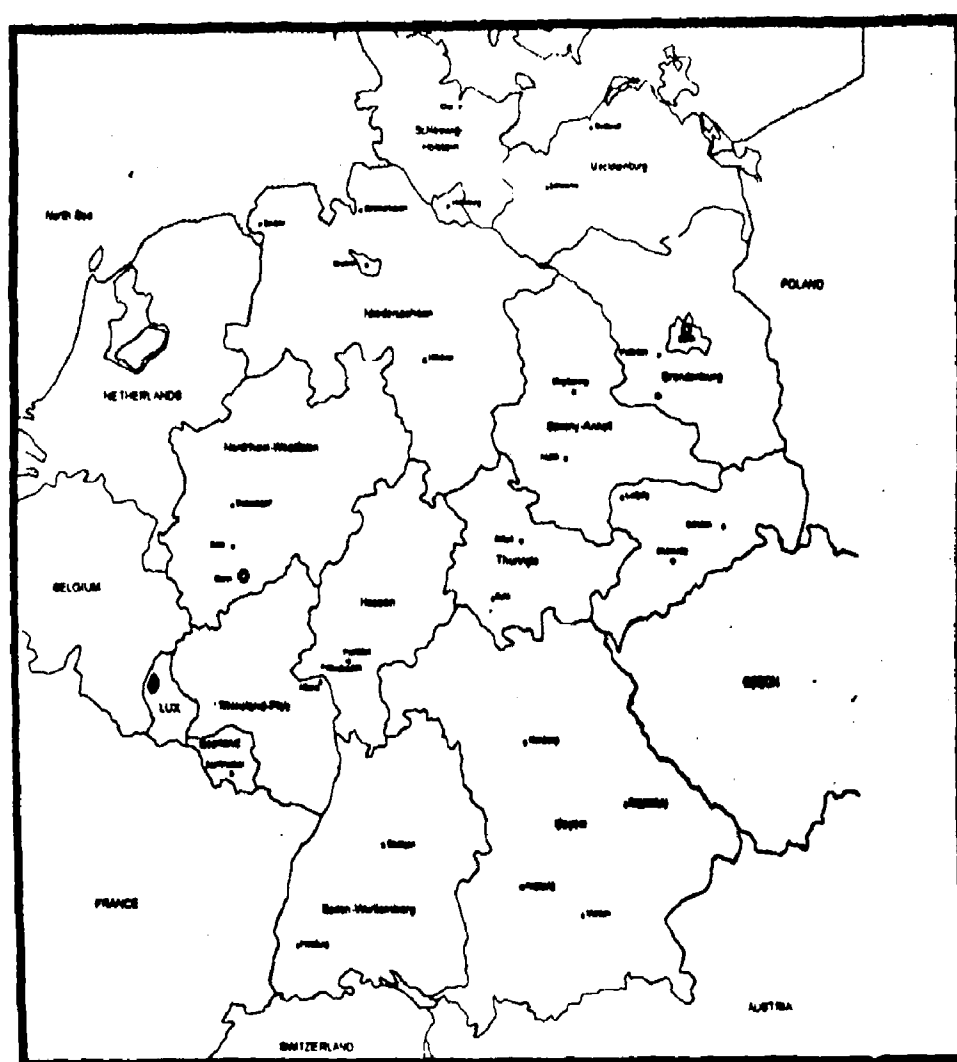
Jorge Arrives For Duty In Germany

PERTH AMBOY — Army Pfc. Alberto L. Jorge has arrived for duty at the Vilseck-Grafenwoehr Military Community in Germany.

Jorge is an ammunitions specialist assigned to the 529th Ordnance Company in Vilseck.

He is the son of Carlos M. Jorge and Santos Colon of Perth Amboy, N.J.

The private is a 2001 graduate of Perth Amboy High School.



Rosko Graduates ATIL Course

WOODBIDGE—Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Brian F. Rosko, son of Ronald K. Rosko of Woodbridge, recently graduated from the Avionics Technician Intermediate Level Course with Marine Aviation Training Support Group, Naval Air Training Command, Pensacola, Fla.

During the 15-week course, Rosko received technical instruction on the fundamentals necessary to perform intermediate-level aviation elec-

tronics maintenance and installation tasks. Rosko also trained on specialized electronics equipment and systems found in navel aircraft.

Rosko studied advanced maintenance and troubleshooting on everything from radio transmitters and airborne search radar to navigation and fire control systems.

Rosko is a 2000 graduate of Woodbridge High School.

Nicklas Joins Army

SOUTH AMBOY—Frank Nicklas has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

The recruit qualifies for a \$16,000 enlistment bonus.

Nicklas, a 2000 graduate of H.G. Hoffman High School, South Amboy, has reported to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training.

He is the son of Lisa Beam of South Amboy.

Aponte Graduates Basic Military Training

PERTH AMBOY— Army Pvt. Christina M. Aponte has graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo.

During training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons,

map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Aponte is the daughter of Deborah Aponte of Jacksonville, Fla., and Andres Aponte of Perth Amboy.

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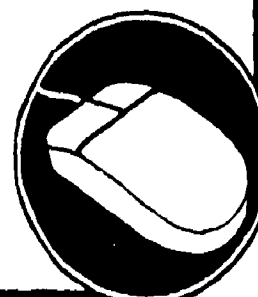
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EDITORIAL

Readers Commentary



Dear Editor,

On the first Monday of every September, we celebrate Labor Day. That's a day we have as a holiday to recognize the strides that labor has made to society; to remember the workforce of America, how important it is for this great country of ours and the contribution we have made to make this country the greatest in the world.

On April 28, we will observe Workers Memorial Day. This is a day that goes unnoticed by many Americans, including the news media, and it should never be forgotten. That's a day we will remember our brothers and sisters who have died or were injured because of work-related hazards.

Unions have fought for many years to

make the workplace a safe environment. Though there have been improvements, the number of illnesses, injuries, and deaths are astronomical. 60,000 workers die each year from on the job injuries and illnesses and 6 million more are injured.

The AFL-CIO chose April 28 for Workers Memorial Day because it is the anniversary of OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Act). Unionists around the world also commemorate April 28 as a day of International Mourning.

Everyone should stop and think for one moment of someone you know that died or is suffering from an injury on the job.

I know of one person that comes to mind whom I lost; his name was Charlie. Charlie was diagnosed with cancer in

May of 1996. After an operation and treatment, he was told later by a different doctor that his disease was definitely work-related. I was devastated by Charlie's news. Our families spent many times together at the shore during the summers. We had a very close bond. We weren't only family by being union brothers but our families were close also.

Charlie was my mentor. He was like a big brother always giving good advice. In June of 1998, Charlie passed away. On the day of the funeral, I went into the church, and heard the organist playing and singing the song "You Are My Hero". It hit home and was appropriate because he was a hero.

We have to remember to persevere and make our jobsites safe, while performing

our work safely. Never stop, even if there are roadblocks. Everyone should go home everyday the way they came to work so they can see their families and reach retirement. We should and must make our work environment a safer, healthier place for future generations we owe it to them.

So on April 28, do something, a moment of silence, a candlelight vigil, something to commemorate a day of remembrance of our brothers and sisters so they didn't die in vain. This way we don't have any more Charlie's.

Ron Rios
Carteret Councilman
President Local 6965
Transportation
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Pillar of Courage

According to the 2000 United States Census the total population of Sayreville, Carteret and South Amboy is approximately 69,000. That's an increase of about 7,100 since the 1990 Census. It is also about 11,000 people less than the number of men, women and children on the current waiting list for a life saving organ or tissue transplant in the United States today. While in the year 2000, there were 22,854 organ transplants, every 13 minutes another name is added to the national transplant waiting list and 16 people die each day from the lack of an available organ.

April is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Month. The month is sponsored by the National Kidney Foundation and its purpose is to encourage Americans to become donors and help save lives. According to the foundation, just one donor can potentially save or improve the lives of up to 50 people. Organs and tissues that can be transplanted include the kidneys, corneas, heart, heart/lungs, liver, pancreas, heart valves, bone, bone marrow and skin. Right now, only about 6,000 people annually donate organs and tissue. If we could only double that, to 12,000, the waiting list would be a thing of the past. Truly, never have so few people had

the power to do so much.

Unfortunately, many of us fail to become organ donors because we believe some long-standing myths surrounding organ donations. The most common and most damaging myth is a fear that doctors in the emergency room will not work as hard to save a life if the doctor knows that the patient is a donor. In fact, if you are sick or injured and admitted to the hospital, the number one priority is to save your life.

The organ donation process can only be considered after you die and your family is consulted. A second myth is that you are too old or have a medical condition that prevents you from being a donor. The fact is that people of all ages and medical histories are potential donors.

We are all routinely urged to sign donor cards expressing our wishes or to check the boxes on the back of our driver's licenses. But, just because you fill out the card or check the box on the back of your license, it doesn't necessarily mean you're a donor. When that time comes for the organ donation, the final decision is left up to the family. Often, families say no to a donation because they are unaware of the person's wishes to donate or they don't want to make the wrong decision. So if you really want to be a donor, make sure you tell your loved ones and next of kin. It is the best way to ensure your wishes are carried out.

The National Kidney Foundation and the Department of Health and Human Services advise potential donors to fill out two cards -- one to carry at all times and another to give to their family. The card that is given to the family is used to begin the discussion of organ donation and to clarify the donor's wishes. To get a card you can call the National Kidney Foundation at (800)622-9010 or you can download a form at www.organdonor.gov.

Becoming an organ donor is one of the most generous acts you can make. Religious leaders the world over favor such donations as an act consistent with the highest religious and ethical principles. You are giving someone a gift they can never repay -- the gift of life. Imagine being able to help someone live, years after you're gone. Imagine giving someone the ability to prolong their life or their health while you are no longer here. Imagine giving someone the gift of keeping their mom or dad, son or daughter alive with such a special gift.

This month, do a truly charitable act and become an organ donor. If you have concerns or questions, the Coalition on Donation is ready to answer your questions and provide you with any information you need. They can be reached at 804-330-8620 or www.share-ourlife.org.

Pillar Of Courage

Dear Editor,

The children and families served by the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services lose a staunch advocate and friend with the retirement of the Division's Director Charles Venti. Venti's ongoing commitment, support, vision and compassion have helped to save countless young vulnerable people whose futures appeared bleak and hopeless.

First Concern is a five-year-old non-profit social services agency that was founded with the encouragement and vision of Charlie Venti. We work to help eradicate homelessness and poverty for young people (generally 16-18 years old) who are aging out of New Jersey's foster care system. Once children in New Jersey's foster care system turn 18 years of age, they are no longer the responsibility of the state.

Most of the children served by First Concern have typically been in an average of twenty-two foster care placements.

These teenagers, many of who suffer from emotional and developmental disabilities, lack the skills to take care of themselves, earn a livable wage, or develop positive relationships with others. No other agency in the state has the in-depth curriculum, approach and success that First Concern has.

For that, we thank Charlie Venti. Time and again, he has shown his willingness to "go the extra mile" when an at-risk child is in trouble. I have called him and received calls from him at all hours of the day or night in order to help one teenager who was alone and in deep despair.

Last month, we honored Charlie Venti with our organization's Pillar of Courage Award. We are truly grateful for his leadership and 27 years at DYFS. Charlie Venti will be sorely missed but his accomplishments will be long remembered and cherished.

Aurelia Frizell
President & Founder
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American Woman Sponsors Girl Scout Event

EDISON—American Woman #1252 and #840 on March 21. The girls are all kindergartners from St. John Vianney School and part of the Girl Scouts of Delaware Raritan Council. Personal Trainer, Erika Lorentzen instructed the girls on proper fitness awareness. The

aerobic exercise session began with a "warm-up" of stretching followed by jumping jacks, running and light calisthenics. It concluded with a "cool down" period and tour of the facility.

The Daisy Girl Scouts earned a "Courageous and Strong Petal" which is one of the ten learned concepts of the Girl Scout Law. Throughout the year the girls

have been learning through example, what girl scouting is all about. For participating, they were given a "Fitness is Fun" patch to be worn on their uniform.

The Girl Scouts would like to thank everyone at American Woman for sharing their time and experience with the future "Women of America."



SeaStreak Expands Ferry Service

SOUTH AMBOY—In an effort to offer commuters more conveniently timed rush-hour ferry service, SeaStreak is expanding its services from their newly opened South Amboy ferry terminal.

According to SeaStreak's General Manager David Stafford, "We are pleased to add a second commuter ferry to the operation that we started in South Amboy a few months ago. We are also now offering commuters nine weekday departures to Pier 11 and East 34th Street in Manhattan. This means that from South Amboy,

SeaStreak will provide commuters with different options to better fit their busy schedules and lives.

On weekday mornings, we will have ferries leaving for New York at 6, 7, 7:50, 8 and 9:50. The key is three departures before 8:00 a.m."

Commuters can enjoy a 45-minute ride from Central Jersey into Manhattan on SeaStreak's state-of-the-art high-speed catamarans.

The vessels, each with a capacity of 300 passengers, feature indoor and outdoor seating, a full bar with soft drinks, spirits

and snacks, and several restrooms. SeaStreak's South Amboy service, located at 135 Lower Main Street (site of the Reliant Energy Building), is the first commuter ferry service to New York City from Middlesex County. SeaStreak also offers afternoon, evening and weekend departures.

The South Amboy Ferry Terminal is part of the city's new redeveloped waterfront. The ticket window is open weekdays from 5:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sundays between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS**Wild Safari Education Program**

AREA — Did you know that 6,000-pound white rhinos are nearly blind and rely on other senses to survive, or that the African Marabou stork can swallow a two-pound chunk of meat?



These are just two of the educational facts students will acquire in Six Flags Wild Safari's new *Students on Safari* learning-adventure program, beginning this spring.

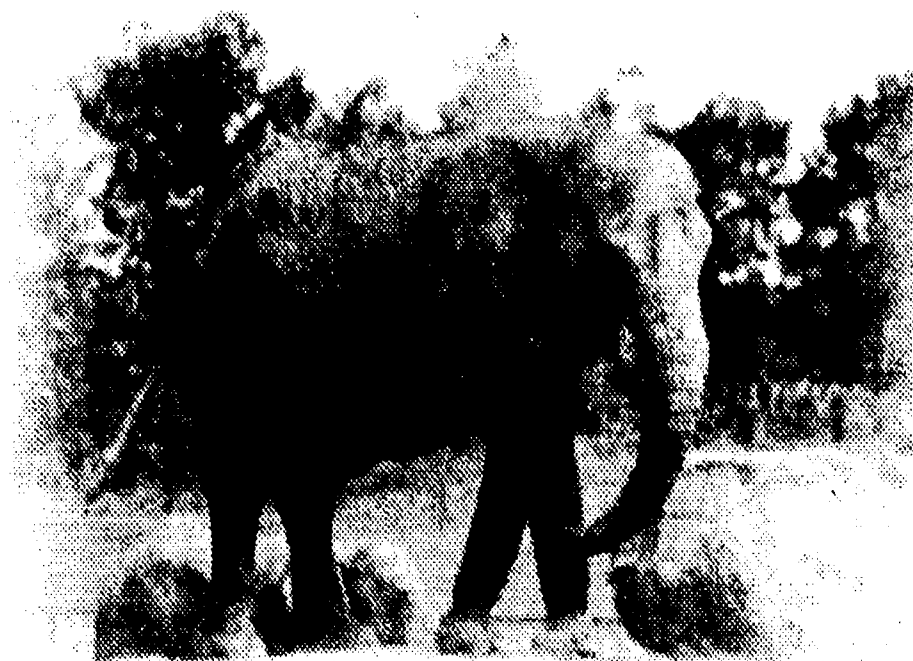
Designed to educate and entertain, *Students on Safari* will teach the difference between a wallaby and a kangaroo, why tigers have stripes, and what's cool about a giraffe's tongue. Older students will be challenged to explore the wonders of biomes, ecology and camouflage.

Topics also include wild animal survival, pregnancy, perils of endangered species, behavior and eating habits. Geared to pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students, multi-leveled lesson plans are packed with fun-filled activities corresponding to the New Jersey Curriculum Standards for Science.

"Education is the survival key of many species," said Six Flags Wild Safari's Veterinary Technician and Education Coordinator Karen Yuchinski. "Students will learn about wildlife refuges and the importance of protecting endangered wildlife."

"Classroom education is critical but nothing can compare to a face-to-face encounter with a 15-foot-tall giraffe," Yuchinski said.

A 350-acre wildlife sanctuary with more than 1,200 animals roaming freely, Six Flags Wild Safari offers abundant educational opportunities. For the past



28 seasons, educating park Guests has been an important part of the Safari experience. To enhance the 4.5-mile journey, a radio transmission informs travelers about fascinating animal facts as they pass through each of the nine themed sections.

Students on Safari, scheduled for selected weekdays in May and June, joins a host of enriching, educational opportunities offered at New Jersey's

Six Flags. Listed below is the 2002 Six Flags Great Adventure theme park calendar of events:

Physics Day, April 26 & May 3; Math & Science Days, April 26 & May 3; Business Education Day, May 2; Career Day, May 2; and Marketing Education Day, May 10.

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not submit any transcripts as they will not be considered. Do not send any test scores, either.

NJ Pythians request that applicants not be receiving any other award and that that student best exemplifies "community service," not just the top student at the high school he/she represents.

All applicants must furnish their name, address, phone number and Social Security number with their submissions **no later than April 30**.

The Grand Lodge Charity Foundation will notify the local lodge, student and high school so that a meaningful presentation will take place in May or June.

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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS**DEP Issues****Drought Order Amendment**

STATE—The Department of Environmental Protection has issued an Administrative Order outlining further initiatives to address the serious drought situation throughout the state.

"As this time, additional actions are necessary to maintain reservoir levels in the northeast, the hardest hit drought region in New Jersey," said Bradley M. Campbell, Commissioner. "We do need to make sure the water companies are taking all possible measures to address water loss."

The order requires:

- the New Jersey American Water Company to increase (up

to the maximum) the amount of water taken from the Elizabethtown Water Company.

- the development of a plan to modify the current water supply infrastructure associated with the North Jersey Water Supply Commission and the Newark Department of Water and Sewer to maximize the transfer of water to the northeast drought region.

- by June 1, 2002, water companies must supply to the drought coordinator the amount of unaccounted for water with short and long term plans to reduce that amount.

McGreevey Waives Tuition For Families of 9/11 Victims

STATE—Governor James E. McGreevey has signed an executive order to require immediately that tuition at state colleges is waived for the children and spouses of the victims of the September 11 terrorist attacks. The executive order is retroactive and will provide families with reimbursement for tuition payments for the Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 semesters.

"New Jersey has a moral obligation to support the families whose lives have been forever changed by the events of September 11," McGreevey said. "It is essential that we assist the families who lost loved ones in the attacks by

helping them finance their college expenses."

The executive order directs state colleges and universities and the New Jersey Institute of Technology to immediately refrain from charging tuition to family members of the victims until the World Trade Center Scholarship Program, which was created on January 11, becomes operational. Currently, there are at least 15 children of New Jersey victims enrolled in higher education institutions.

"These families should not have to wait for the assistance they need to pay a son or daughter's tuition bill," McGreevey said.

EPA Recognizes PSE&G For Environmental Excellence

AREA—The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recognized PSE&G with its Partner of the Year Award. PSE&G and New Jersey's other electric and gas utilities were chosen to receive the award by the EPA's ENERGY STAR program for their role in bringing energy-efficient housing to the market through the New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes program.

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"PSE&G's participation in the

New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes program is part of our proactive approach in protecting and improving the environment," said Al Koeppe, PSE&G President. "And, in addition to being the right thing to do for the environment and for business, the New Jersey ENERGY STAR Homes program gives us a way to provide lower-cost, energy-efficient homes to New Jersey families."

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STATE—The United States Postal Service, faced with declining mail volume and a sluggish economy, held high-level meetings with senior postal officials recently to discuss the proposed Transformation Plan. The plan would create a new business model for the Postal Service, preserve universal mail delivery and strengthen the mail system.

"I met with the Postmaster General prior to the announcement of the Transformation Plan," said Eugene H. Rear, Postal Service District Manager for the Northern New Jersey District. "In the short term, it will give us the flexibility to keep costs down and to better serve our customers in the Northern New Jersey District. In the long term, we'll work under a new business model, which will secure mail delivery for our future."

The new model, called a Commercial Government Enterprise (CGE), would create a government owned entity, but one that enjoys some of the operational and financial flexibility found in the private sector. Under the CGE, the Postal Service would set rates more predictably, be able to retain earnings, work under private sector labor laws and, depending on future legislation, could even pay taxes or dividends to

the government.

The CGE model would be a structural transformation requiring legislative acts of Congress. The proposed legislative changes would be the most extensive since the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, which enabled the Postal Service to function effectively until the end of the 20th Century.

"We deliver to more than 2.8 million addresses in this region," said Rear. "But the legislation we currently work under doesn't give us the tools to survive in the current marketplace. Under this plan, that legislation will change—and the Northern New Jersey District will be the better for it."

The plan also outlined short-term, cost-cutting measures. The Postal Service has already cut 30,000 jobs nationwide and \$2.5 billion in costs over the past two years. Nearly 20 million in costs were cut in the Northern New Jersey area. Over the next five years, costs will be cut by \$5 billion more nationwide through job attribution, outsourcing, plant consolidation, lifting the moratorium on post office closings and other measures. In addition, the Postal Service will focus on developing new "intelligent" mail products to attract new business and better serve existing customers.

"Mail volume is going down nationwide and in our region, while at the same time 1.7 million new addresses are added every year, costing us billions in lost revenue," said Rear. "We added 7,667 new addresses in Northern New Jersey District last year alone. But the Postal Service will meet these challenges head-on. Employees in the Northern New Jersey District will do all they can to implement the necessary changes and get the Postal Service back on sound financial footing."

Since 1775, the U.S. Postal Service has connected friends, families, neighbors and businesses by mail. It is an independent federal agency that visits 138 million homes and businesses every day and is the only service provider to deliver to every address in the nation. The Postal Service receives no taxpayer dollars for routine operations, but derives its operating revenues solely from the sale of postage, products and services, offering some of the most affordable postage rates in the world. The U.S. Postal Service delivers more than 46 percent of the world's mail volume—some 207 billion letters, advertisements, periodicals and packages a year—and serves 7 million customers each day at its 40,000 retail locations nationwide.



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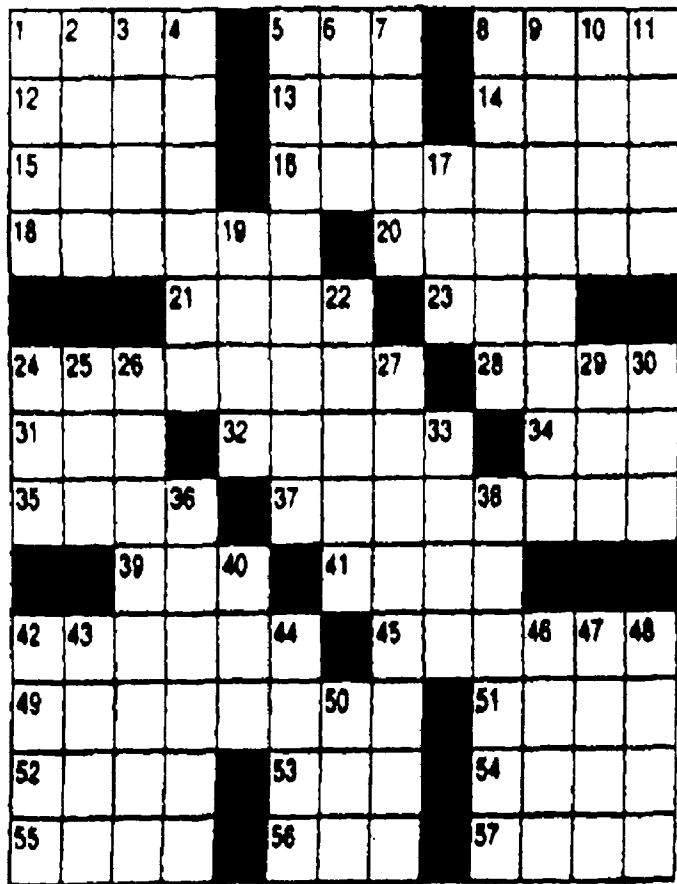
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Erica shared a passionate kiss with Chris. Kendall ignored Erica's warning not to open a certain file and was caught by Greenlee. After being "admonished" by Erica for tattling on Kendall, Greenlee said she would go along with Erica's act if she's given a big promotion. Liza came out of brain surgery and failed to recognize a shaken Adam. Vanessa was secretly injected with a drug and started to attack Leo while reeling off her past with her husband, Charles, prompting David to order a chemical screen on her. Later, a still crazed Vanessa held a knife to Greenlee's throat. Wait to see: David gets Vanessa's test results. Ryan confronts Kendall.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Lily prepared for an expansion of her family. Isaac decided to stop thinking about the past and start moving on with his life. Simon and Katie agreed it was time they learned to trust one another. James offered Craig a deal he felt sure Craig would not refuse. Wait to See: Mary keeps Jake and Molly on their toes. Lucinda offers Rose some well-needed advice.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Amber played down her fainting spell and insisted on keeping her schedule despite the possibility that she might be having problems with her kidney. After Massimo told Ridge of his plans to groom him to take over his vast holdings, Ridge agreed to accept his job offer. Whip assured Brooke — who still pined for Deacon — that he can make her happy. At the Forrester fashion show, Amber sang as Bridget modeled the showstopper. Amber then joined Eric and Rick on stage before collapsing in pain. Wait to See: Amber and Rick face a crucial decision.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Belle accidentally viewed the "show-all" tape of Cynthia and Philip. Meanwhile, Sami raced to find the tape with her incriminating confession on it before Lucas and Kate could get their hands on it. Lexie began her plan to discredit Hope and Bo by leaking a "tip" to a tabloid reporter. Nicole tried to work things out with Victor, but he had other plans in mind. Belle and Jan got into a heated argument. Wait to See: Chloe gets an eyeful of Philip and Cynthia.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Luke started to choke Helena, but Roy and Felicia managed to stop him. An angry Lucky told Taggart that Helena blackmailed Nikolas by threatening to reveal that Gia was driving the crashed car. Meanwhile, unaware that the real Helena lurked close by, Luke comforted Laura as she fretted over the split between her two sons. Later, Lucky chastised Sarah for telling no one that Gia never had a blood-alcohol test. Sonny found Courtney in bed with A.J. and threatened to throw A.J. off the balcony. Wait to See: Luke and Scott share an experience.

GUIDING LIGHT

Phillip had a confrontation with Alan's new houseguest. Harley and Gus had a heated confrontation, which led to them being carted off to jail. Blake decided she would have to do some snooping around on her

own. Marah's dreams of being with Tony were shattered. Wait to See: Olivia has it out with Alan. Michelle awaits Danny's next move.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

As Natalie and Cristian arrived to rescue Seth and Jessica, Natalie overheard Seth tell Jessica he loved her. A devastated Natalie later sought out her mother (Viki) for comfort, only to hear "Viki" (Niki) admit she hates her. Starr told Blair that "Aunt Viki" yelled at Jack. Niki considered killing Ben. Natalie told Cristian that Al could walk. Meanwhile, despite her doubts, Jen decided to marry Al. Todd learned Jack may have aplastic anemia. Wait to See: Todd asks Gabrielle for help.

PASSIONS

In Bermuda, Luis returned Sheridan's scarf through her slightly open door, and the two felt a shock as their fingers touched. Beth later arranged for Luis and his brother, Antonio (Brian), to meet face-to-face. Theresa risked her life attempting to save Miguel from the burning home, and was rescued by Ethan. In the meantime, Zombie Charity changed into her succubus form and back again as she and Miguel managed to escape the flames. Tabitha warned Timmy that Zombie Charity's death could be fatal for the real Charity. Theresa moved into the Crane mansion, where she had a horrifying nightmare about her baby. Wait to See: Kay faces arson charges. Theresa fires a gun, and someone falls down.

PORT CHARLES

(Although viewers now know the identity of the person who was destined to "fill the fifth chair," the soap has asked us to respect their request not to write anything about it in this week's column. The soap has also decided not to provide summaries for the week of April 8-12 as part of their continuing effort to protect the storyline climax of the "Secrets" book. We are assured that summaries will return next week.)

THE YOUNG

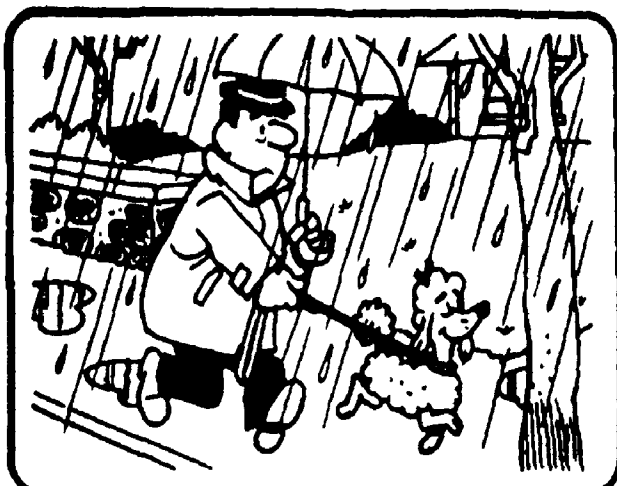
AND THE RESTLESS

Sharon caught Carrie kissing Nick and decided to file for a legal separation. Ashley, Brad and Olivia learned Ashley's cancerous tumor had been removed and that she would soon begin radiation treatments. Victor refused to give Nikki details on why he asked to see Leanna Love (one of his former wives) again. Jack wondered about Diane's agenda when she brought Kyle for his first visit. Mac again felt she was being watched. Wait to See: Victor makes a surprising move.

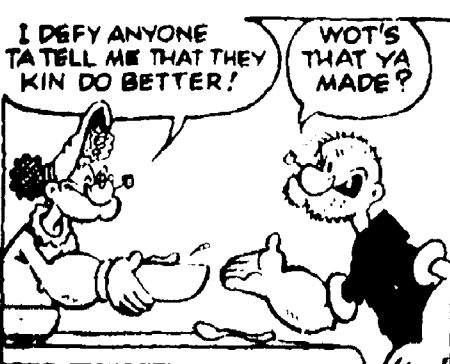
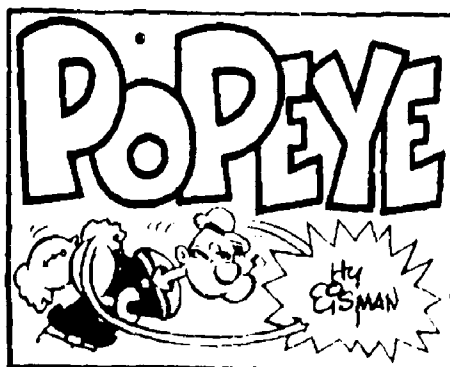
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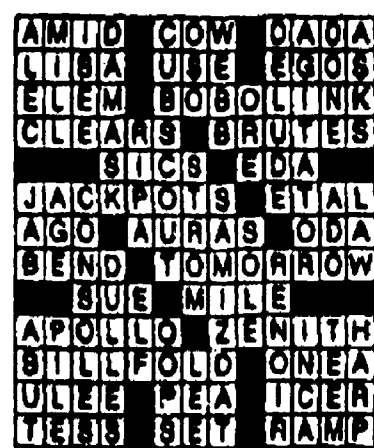
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Differences: 1. Hat is black. 2. Bricks are different. 3. Dog's leg is hidden. 4. Bushes added near house. 5. Tree is wider. 6. Leash is longer.



to Puzzle



OBITUARIES**Susan Wuy, 83
of Carteret**

Mrs. Susan (Burberlak) Wuy of Carteret died April 1 at home. She was 83.

Born in Elizabeth, she lived in Carteret for the past 40 years. She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Wuy was a communicant of Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Carteret.

Her husband, John, died in 1976.

Surviving are two daughters, Maryann Bohannon and Patricia Kovacs, both of Carteret; and three grandchildren.

**Elsie Goldberger
of Perth Amboy**

Elsie Goldberger of Perth Amboy died April 1 at The Central New Jersey Jewish Home for the Aged, Somerset. She was 99.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there all her life until she entered the nursing home in Somerset.

She graduated from Perth Amboy High School and Douglass College, New Brunswick. She taught home economics at Shull School, Perth Amboy for 39 years.

Elsie Goldberger organized the Perth Amboy Teachers Union Local 857, of which she was a charter member. She was also a member of the Middlesex County Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association and the National Education Association.

She was a life member of Temple Beth Mordecai, Perth Amboy; life and board member of the Perth Amboy Chapter of Hadassah and the Central N.J. Jewish Home for the Aged.

She was also a life member of the Perth Amboy Young Men's Hebrew Association, having served as a board member of the Perth Amboy YMHA and as Cultural Committee chairperson for 10 years. She was a member of the Brandeis University National Women's Committee and a member of the Raritan Bay Medical Center Women's Auxiliary, the Metropolitan Opera Guild, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Friends of Plays in The Park, NJ SANE, the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, the Friends Jewish Family Service and Crossroads Theater, New Brunswick.

Surviving are a nephew, Leonard Schwartz of Monsey, N.Y. and a niece, Barbara Ann Gates of New York City.

**Kimberly A. Boulrieris
of Perth Amboy**

Miss Kimberly A. Boulrieris of Perth Amboy died April 1 at Deborah Heart & Lung Center, Browns Mills. She was 30.

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

Miss Boulrieris worked at Raritan Valley Workshop in North Brunswick.

She was a communicant of Holy Spirit R.C. Church, Perth Amboy.

She was also a member of the East Brunswick Elks Specials, where she was the "Child of the Year" for 2000-01.

During her grammar-school years, she was a Girl Scout and a cheerleader.

Her maternal grandparents, Rita and Robert English, are deceased.

Surviving are her parents, Rita (English) and George Boulrieris; a brother, Peter Boulrieris and her paternal grandparents, Helen and Peter Boulrieris, all of Perth Amboy.

**Helen Amato, 86
of Colonia**

Mrs. Helen Amato of Colonia died April 2 at St. Michael's Hospital, Newark. She was 86.

Born in Kenilworth, she lived in Elizabeth, Newark and Hillside before moving to Colonia six years ago.

Surviving are a daughter, Catherine Higgins; three grandsons, Bill Higgins Jr., Glenn Higgins and Bob Higgins Sr.; seven great-grandchildren, Erin, Laura, Kristen, Bobby Jr., Brian, Christopher and Brandon.

**Joseph Tempio, 70
of Port Reading**

Mr. Joseph J. Tempio of the Whiting section of Manchester Township (formerly of Port Reading) died April 1 at Community Medical Center, Toms River. He was 70.

Born in Jersey City, he resided in Port Reading for 40 years before moving to Whiting three years ago.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of American Legion, Carteret.

Surviving are his wife, Cecelia; a son, Joseph; and two granddaughters, Megan and Jennifer.

**Adeline Pawlikowski
of Colonia**

Mrs. Adeline Pawlikowski of Colonia died April 2 in the JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 68.

Born in Newark, she moved to Colonia 41 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Louis; two daughters, Jo Ann Crossley and Debbie Kinard; three brothers, John, Manuel and Anthony Fonseca; a sister, Mary D'Oliveira and four grandchildren.

**Betty Mazzei, 90
of Iselin**

Mrs. Betty Mazzei of Iselin died March 31 in Roosevelt Hospital, Edison. She was 90.

Born in Elizabeth, she moved to Iselin 35 years ago.

Surviving are two daughters, Catherine Bennett and Mary Zinni; a sister, Elsie Greyson; 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

**Margaret Owens
of Edison**

Mrs. Margaret (Burke) Owens of Edison died April 2 at McCarrick Care Center, Somerset. She was 93.

Born in County Galloway, Ireland, she came to America at the age of 17 and lived in Iselin and Whiting before moving to Edison 20 years ago, living with her daughter, Margaret.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Owens was a communicant of St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen and a member of the church's Altar Rosary Society.

She was also a member of the Edison Senior Citizens.

Her husband, James Owens, died in 1975. A daughter, Patricia M. Peters, died in 2001; a grandson, Robert Peters, died in 1990; two sisters, Winefred Keavney and Annie McGrath and a brother, John Burke, are also deceased.

Surviving are a son, James G. Owens of Southport, N.C.; two daughters, Ann Marie Owens of Hammonton and Margaret B. Moran of Toms River; eight grandchildren, Eugene, Sean, Maura, Colleen, Kathleen, Kerri, Meghan and Eileen; and three great-grandchildren, Stephen, Alexandria and Jack.

**Johanna Dionisio
of Edison**

Mrs. Johanna P. (Fiorello) Dionisio of Edison died April 1 at home. She was 46.

Born in Perth Amboy, she was raised in Woodbridge and moved to Edison 25 years ago.

She was a former head bank teller for Bankers Savings Bank, Perth Amboy for 12 years.

She also worked as an administrative assistant to the dean of Rutgers University, New Brunswick.

For the past two years, she was a certified nurse's assistant.

Her father, Joseph Fiorello, is deceased. A brother, Joseph D. Fiorello, died in 1997.

Surviving are her husband, Mario E. of Edison; her mother, Serafina (Abbate) Fiorello; a son, Michael Dionisio of Edison; two daughters, Jennifer Cavazos of Edison and Angela Konke of Edison; three brothers, Nicholas Fiorello of Cranford, Alfred Fiorello of Scarsdale, N.Y. and Anthony Fiorello of Edison; a sister, Lucy Simons of Port Charlotte, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth Ann Konke.

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- Doug Larson

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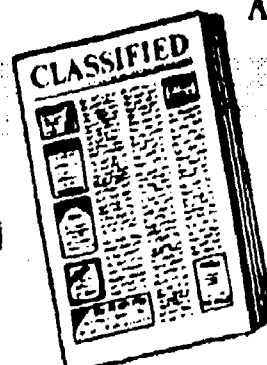
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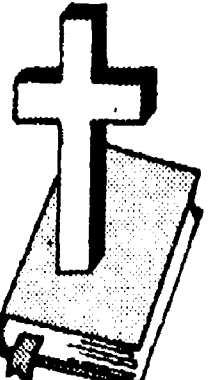
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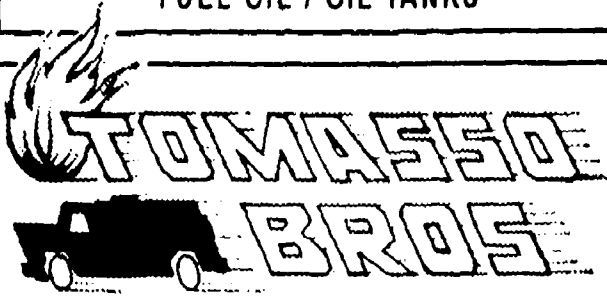
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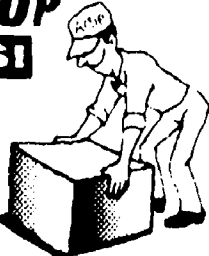
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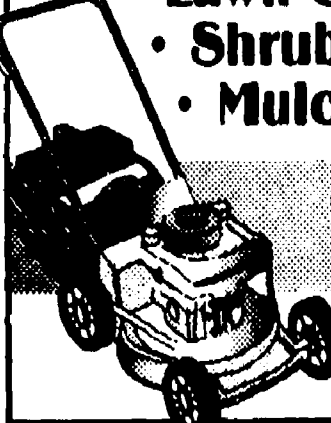
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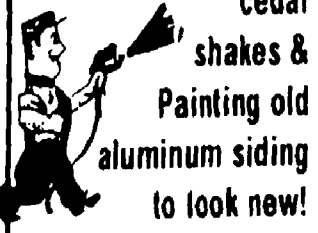
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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**Giving Back to the Community**

SAYREVILLE The Raritan Bay FCU has announced that they recently contributed funds, from their ATM Surcharge Program, to three local charities. A donation of \$100 has been made to the First Aid Squads of Sayreville, Morgan and South River.

The donation for the Sayreville Emergency Squad was presented to Squad President, David Voight, during the Parlin EXPRESS Grand Opening Celebration. The Parlin

EXPRESS Service Center provides convenience and EXPRESS financial service to the residents of Sayreville, and all member of the Raritan Bay FCU. Funds for charitable donations are collected from the ATM surcharges of non-member transactions at Raritan Bay FCU's three ATMs located in Sayreville, South River and South Amboy.

If you know of a local non-profit or charitable organization that would like to be considered

for our Surcharge Program, please contact Laura-Ilene Harding at (732) 727-3500 ext. 115.

Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union is a non-profit, community chartered financial institution that serves everyone who lives, works or worships in Sayreville, South Amboy, and South River. Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union was chartered in 1941, and is owned and operated by its members.

Mark Your Calendars

CARTERET—The Borough of Carteret is planning its 27th Annual Ethnic Day & Craft Fair for Sept. 14. Since the day of the festival will fall close to the one-year anniversary of one of the most tragic events our country has ever experienced, Ethnic Day this year will carry the ultimate American theme. To do that we need the help of our crafter and vendor friends. Please come out, join us that day, and do not forget to tell a friend or two about us.

Food, craft, games, children's rides, a petting zoo, clowns and music entertainment make for a very enjoyable all day event.

Watch for an application or more information in the weeks and months to come. For now just mark the date. If you have any questions, call Taqualla T. Ransdell at (732) 541-3800 during regular business hours. This is a day to celebrate not only the strength of our community but our love for God and our country.

Have You Read, "The Nazi Officer's Wife?"

PERTH AMBOY—The author of The Nazi Officer's Wife, Susan Dworkin, will appear at the Perth Amboy YMHA on Sunday, April 28.

Dworkin, with Edith Hahn Beer, a woman whose courage, strength and defiance made international headlines, tells her story of identity and conscience—a riveting new chapter in the history of the Holocaust.

a.m. followed by the author. This will be a joint venture of Congregation Beth Mordecai, (732) 442-1373; Congregation Sha'arey Tefilah, (732) 826-2977; Congregation Adath Israel, (732) 634-9601; and the YMHA, (732) 442-0365. Reservations must be made by calling any of the sponsors.

The YMHA is located at 316 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy.

Brunch will be served at 11

Protecting Your Assets

EDISON—A free program on "Protecting Your Assets From Catastrophic Nursing Home Costs" will be presented at the North Edison Library, 777 Grove Avenue on Wednesday, May 15 at 1 p.m. in the afternoon and again at 7 p.m. in the evening.

Donald D. Vanarelli, Esq., a board-certified Elder Law Attorney and Registered Guardian, will conduct the program.

Participants will learn planning techniques showing them how to qualify for government-assisted programs while still preserving their assets for their heirs. To register, call the Law Office of Donald Vanarelli at (908) 232-7400. For more information, visit Vanarelli's web sites at dvanarelli.lawoffice.com and Elderlawanswers.com/attorney/vanarelli.html.

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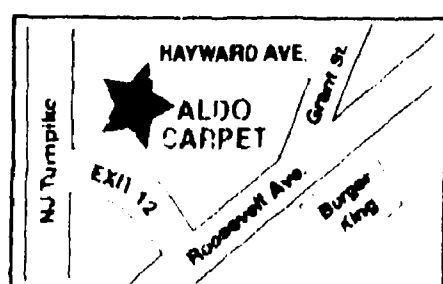
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