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DEP Backs Sayreville Role In Remediating NL Site

SAYREVILLE — In a strong expression of its commitment to redevelop contaminated sites, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has approved the Sayreville Economic Redevelopment Authority's request to administer the remediation of the 400-acre NL Industries site once SERA acquires the property.

The DEP action breaks a fourteen-year log jam caused by NL's failure to develop and implement a comprehensive

remediation plan for the entire site. "This is great news and a very positive step in our efforts to redevelop this vast property," said Sayreville Mayor Kennedy O'Brien.

"It has been a long fight for Sayreville against a large corporate polluter who abandoned the site, refused to clean it up, and therefore avoided paying its fair share of property taxes in the Borough," he said. "Frankly, the average Sayreville homeowner has paid NL's share of taxes for years. This must and will stop."

Middlesex County Freeholder Director David B. Crabel noted that the Freeholder Board has "made a substantial financial commitment to this project, and we have an emotional commitment as well.

"For almost a decade, our goal has been to clean up and revitalize the abandoned industrial sites along the Raritan River. We believe the contaminated eyesore that's now the NL property can be remediated into a productive, useful site that we can all be proud of," Crabel

said. "DEP's support will really help move this project forward, finally clean up this polluted site, and get something built here that will generate significant tax revenue for Sayreville," said Richard Pucci, Executive Director of the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, which is working with SERA on the redevelopment project.

"NL abandoned its Sayreville operation in 1982, and the company has been dragging its feet on the site cleanup for almost two decades," Pucci said "After

14 years of going back and forth with DEP, they still have not fully delineated the extent of the contamination. Any reasonable person would have to assume that NL is not serious about remediating this property".

After years of failed negotiations with NL, SERA has moved to take legal possession of the site. The initial hearing in this condemnation action will take place on Wednesday, September 4, in New Jersey Superior Court in New Brunswick.

Mayor Vas Introduces Municipal Budget

PERTH AMBOY—Aided by new ratables, a \$2.4 million surplus, new grants and a record-high 99.5 percent tax collection rate, Mayor Joseph Vas introduced a municipal budget last week that does not increase the local purpose tax rate for the seventh consecutive year. Perth Amboy's \$46.4 million FY 2003 municipal budget continues to provide tax stabilization while realizing millions of dollars in improvements and maintaining the vital resources for city departments to deliver essential services.

Although the total FY 2003 budget increased by \$3.4 million from last year, the city was once

again successful in maintaining the current \$1.36 tax rate (per \$100 of assessed property value). It is important to note that 50 percent of this increase is due to \$1.7 million in new grants that the city has received to fund new programs and projects. The total budget increase was also offset by an \$18.4 million increase in the tax base mainly as a result of the ongoing construction of the Harbortown housing development.

These revenue changes have allowed the city to continue focusing on quality of life improvements. Since Vas began a citywide quality of life initiative four years ago, residents

have been given the opportunity to voice their concerns on areas in need of improvement. Many of these areas fall under the watchful eyes of the city's public safety departments. In order to address their concerns, the FY 2003 budget allows for the following:

- Increasing the full complement of uniformed police officers permitted by city code from 125-132 (paid for by a state grant), as well as funding to replace retiring officers.
- Increasing the fire department's table of organization to fund three new full-time, paid firefighters and funding to replace retiring firefighters.

• Providing full-time Emergency Medical Technician coverage seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day to work with the paid, part-time, per diem EMT's to assist the Volunteer First Aid Squad.

The spending side of the budget was impacted largely by salary increases. Over half of the new \$46.4 million FY 2003 budget-\$23,806,188-is allocated towards salaries. There was also a \$1,442,371 increase in salaries this year as a result of negotiated union contracts, which provided for a 3.5 percent base increase, funding for replacement hires and other adjustments.

To offset these increases, the

administration continues to aggressively pursue grants and non-tax revenue. During the last year, the Urban Enterprise Zone's 3 percent sales tax revenue paid for improvement projects totaling \$4.3 million. UEZ dollars and other grants have funded public improvements throughout the city including street resurfacing, expansion to the marina, upgrades to water and wastewater facilities, downtown sidewalk improvements along State Street and Amboy Avenue, and the upcoming sidewalk improvements along New Brunswick Avenue and the resurfacing of Sadowski Parkway.

Volunteers Needed For American Heart Walk

EDISON—Join more than 25,000 people from all walks of life throughout the Garden State

as they *Step Out, Save Lives!-Strengthen the Chain of Survival!* to fight heart disease and stroke on Sunday, Sept. 29 at the American Heart Association's 11th annual American Heart Walk. With 13 walksites throughout New Jersey, including Middlesex County American Heart Walk at Middlesex County College, Edison on Sunday, Sept. 29, American Heart Walk needs many volunteers. Help fight New Jersey's No. 1 and No. 3

killers heart disease and stroke by volunteering for Middlesex County American Heart Walk on Sept. 29.

The 2002 American Heart Walk is urging everyone to strengthen the American Heart Association "chain of survival" in every community by learning CPR and supporting the widespread availability of defibrillators.

The Middlesex County American Heart Walk event has a variety of volunteer needs

including: volunteers to help with walksite set-up and take down, check-in registration support, performers and entertainers, community health fair participants, photography volunteers, volunteers to help distribute food, beverages and other items at water stations and there may be other volunteer opportunities available.

To volunteer or for information about the American Heart Association's 2002 Middlesex County American Heart Walk

presented nationally by Archer Daniels Midland Co., proud makers of the NutriSoy brand and Subway, call your local American Heart Association office at (732) 821-2610. American Heart Walk official media sponsors include Cablevision Systems Corporation, News 12 New Jersey, WCTC 1450 AM, WMGQ Magic 98.5 FM, Z100 WHTZ 100.3 FM, WKTU 103.5 FM and Lite FM 106.7.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Union Hospital Graduates Intern/Resident Class Of 2002

AREA—The Union Hospital Medical Education Department recently held its graduation ceremony honoring the Intern and Resident Class of 2001-02 at the hospital's Community Service Center, Union.

Highlighting the ceremony was the presentation of the "Resident of the Year" awards to Scott Graham, D.O. of Paterson and Joseph Pecora, D.O. of Springfield. The "Intern of the Year" award was presented to Anthony

Caravello, D.O. of Staten Island, N.Y. Union Hospital Medical Staff member Michael Brescia, M.D., Roselle Park, was chosen by the graduating intern and resident class as "Attending Physician of the Year." The Rudi Wadle, D.O. Scholarship Awards were presented to Paul Cattafi, D.O. of Kearny and John Merlino, D.O. of Toms River. The recipients of the "Medical Staff Academic Scholarship Paper Awards" were Madhavi Battineni, D.O. of Parsippany and Howard Landsman, D.O. of Edison.

Members of the graduating intern class included Patricia Barsanti, D.O. of Iselin; Joseph Bordieri, D.O., Jatinchandra Patel, D.O. and Tarang Patel, D.O. of Edison.

The graduating residents included: Michael Bomser, D.O. of Sayreville; Steven Evans, D.O. of Fords; Steven Gable, D.O. of Rahway.

Union Hospital, an affiliate of the St. Barnabas Healthcare System, is a 201-bed community teaching hospital located at 100 Galloping Hill Rd., Union.

Employees Honored For Perfect Attendance

AREA—Union Hospital, an affiliate of the St. Barnabas Health Care System, recently honored over 150 employees for achieving Perfect Attendance in 2001.

These outstanding individuals were awarded certificates of appreciation and a gift at a recent thank-you reception. Recipients include:

Avenel: Milan Desai; **Edison:** Bipin Khamar, Arshad Mahmud, and Madhusudan Rao; **Fords:** Ricardo Genovese and Maria Kaliniak; **Colonia:** Cynthia Hudak; **Iselin:** Deborah Ballard; **Metuchen:** Paula Erickson. Union Hospital is an affiliate of the St. Barnabas Health Care System.

Do You Suffer From Back Pain

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Research states that 80 percent of all Americans will suffer with back pain at some time in their lives. Right now, over 8 million Americans are in bed with back pain, which carries a yearly price tag of \$50 million in lost work, medical expenses and compensation payments. Back pain may result from improper lifting, pushing or pulling, bending or reaching, as well as trauma sustained from a fall or sports injury, scoliosis, over-weight, stress, poor physical condition or muscle tone.

A healthy back is strong, flexible and pain-free. It offers support to the upper body, protects the spinal cord and

allows for maximum mobility.

If you suffer with back pain, join Matthew J. Spessler, MD in Borders Books, Midstate Mall of East Brunswick on Thursday, Aug. 29 at 7:30 p.m. and discover his drug-free Medical Breakthrough Program.

In addition, proper posture, lifting techniques, muscle stretching exercises, nutritional recommendations and overall wellness vital to attaining and maintaining a healthy back will be discussed.

This program is sponsored by the Wellness Education Foundation. Seats are limited to the first 50 callers. To register, call (732)238-2944.

Raritan Bay Medical Center Birth Announcements

AREA—The following are Raritan Bay Medical Center birth announcements for the end of June and the month of July, 2002.

June, 2002

Janet and Michael Rivera of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Brandon Michael**, born June 27, 2002.

Maria A. Condor and Rafael E. Lopez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Rafael Jose Lopez**, born June 29, 2002.

Jessica Colon and David Torres of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Ralph David Torres**, born June 30, 2002.

Ana Julia Rodriguez and Panagiotis Georgios Boulteris of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Georgios Panagiotis Boulteris**, born July 3, 2002.

July, 2002

Lucy Diaz and Freddy Abreu of Keasbey are proud to

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Carden Calls For Campaign Finance Reform

UNION—On Aug. 13, Tim Carden, 7th District Democratic Candidate for Congress, joined senior citizens, elected officials and other interested parties in Union Township to call for legislation to prevent members of Congress sitting on committees from taking contributions from industries that their committee has jurisdiction over.

"Money is too often the root of all evil in Congress," said Carden. "Time and time again, the undue influence of corporations through their campaign dollars results in legislation that protects the interests of corporations rather than the people. While I applaud the passage of the corporate governance bill, there will be no real change in Washington until legislators start listening to their own constituents instead of their contributors. Only when money is divorced from legislating will real reform happen."

"For example, my opponent Mike Ferguson, sits on the House Financial Services Committee," Carden said. "He received more money from the accounting industry than any other member of the House (*Business Week* 6/24/02). But when this country desperately needed legislation

protecting investors against corporate fraud, Ferguson voted on April 24 against making it a crime to cheat investors and against reform of the accounting industry. He was voting to protect the special interests—the very people funding his campaign, not the people's interests."

Carden's call was part of his "Platform for Corporate Accountability," which he released recently. In addition to calling for a prohibition on these contributions to committee members, Carden also said Congress should pass a law to require companies to account for options as expenses on their income statements.

Carden, who has called for Congress to return to work to pass a Medicare prescription drug benefit, also stated that Congress has unfinished business on corporate accountability. When Carden did credit companies like the Washington Post Company, Coca-Cola, General Motors, and General Electric while moving forward on the issue of expensing stock options, he charged that Congress and his opponent have shown no leadership on this issue.

Carden also called for the reg-

istration of Securities and Exchange Commission Chairman Harvey Pitt. "To restore confidence in our system of corporate oversight, we must have a tough and credible SEC," he said. "Harvey Pitt's long history of representing the largest accounting firm prevents him from being an objective overseer to reform and enforcement. He should resign immediately."

In addition, Carden pledged that as a United States Congressman, he would fight to close loopholes that allow companies to avoid paying taxes by using offshore tax havens. "Each year American taxpayers are cheated out of millions of dollars because American companies are allowed to incorporate in other countries, just to avoid paying their fair share of taxes," he said. "The result is working families pay more." As reported by the *Washington Post* at the end of July on the last day of session in the House of Representatives, Ferguson voted against an amendment to prohibit companies that had to incorporate overseas from getting any government contracts relating to homeland security. Only at the last minute when supporters of the

amendment were leading did Ferguson change his vote from no to yes.

Carden concluded, "It's only logical that if you have the responsibility to regulate an industry, and then you take hundreds of thousands in contributions from that same industry you have to decide who you

answer to. When the pensions and retirement savings of working families were being threatened, Mike Ferguson made the choice to side with the accounting industry instead of siding with the people he represents. That's the wrong choice, he chose the wrong side."

New Legislation Will Protect Motorists

STATE—Gov. James E. McGreevey recently signed legislation that will protect motorists whose vehicles break down on New Jersey roadways.

The Governor said the bill, A-1743, was prompted by the death of Debbie Sandage, a Morris County woman who was left stranded on Route 287 in 1994, because she did not have \$40 in cash to pay for her car to be towed. She later was struck and killed by another vehicle.

"From this terrible tragedy and the courage of the Sandage family, New Jersey will now have a common sense law that

guarantees all motorists -- regardless of their method of payment -- access to towing services," McGreevey said.

The legislation requires tow truck operators to accept both cash and credit cards for payment. Motorists who break down are already confronting difficult situations; this legislation ensures them that they will not have to also worry about having ample cash on hand to obtain needed road assistance.

The bill imposes fines of \$500 for a first offense and penalties of up to \$1,000 for additional violations.



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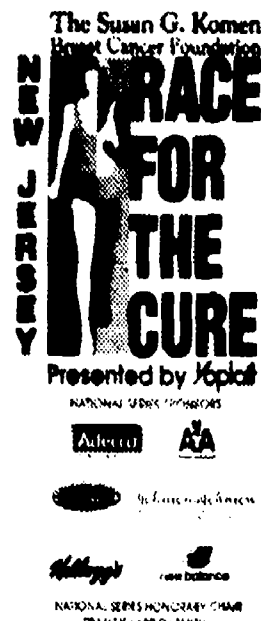
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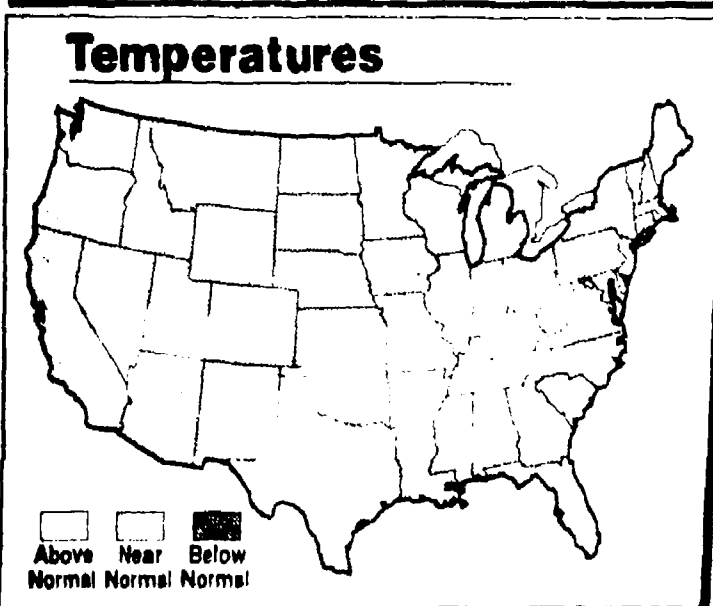
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mostly sunny and humid.	Patchy clouds.	A few showers and hot.	A few t-storms.	Sunshine and warm.	A few clouds.	A good deal of sun.	A few clouds.
86	66	89/68	83/65	81/51	74/52	79/52	84/62

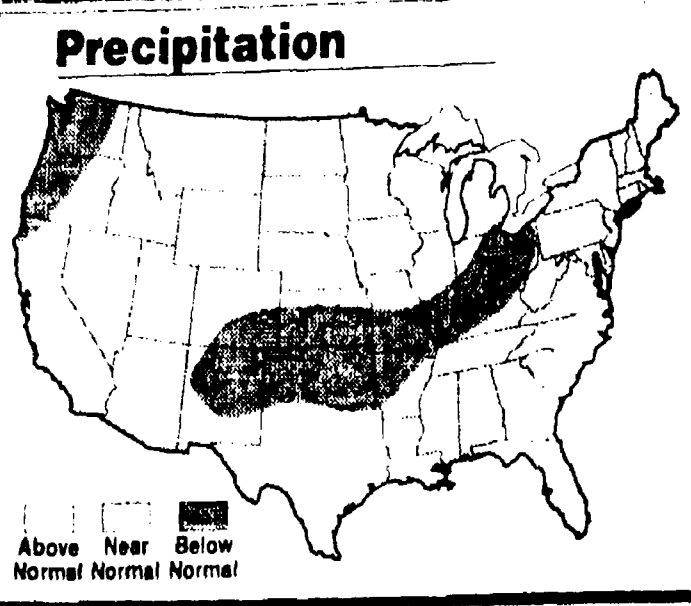
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

A rather highly amplified weather pattern will cover the nation during the period. In the West, a ridge of high pressure is expected to dominate the weather for a while before giving way to a trough. Overall, temperatures and precipitation in the West will be near normal, with above-normal temperatures in the Southwest. Warm and dry weather will cover the Midwest.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	88	72	pc	92	71	pc	92	71	t	89	65	t
Boston	82	68	pc	82	68	sh	75	63	t	74	50	pc
Chicago	88	66	pc	82	62	sh	81	61	s	78	54	pc
Cleveland	84	62	pc	82	60	t	78	60	pc	76	54	pc
Denver	86	60	pc	82	58	pc	80	56	pc	82	60	pc
Des Moines	83	67	sh	83	65	sh	81	60	s	80	56	s
Detroit	86	68	pc	86	62	sh	78	59	pc	76	49	pc
Houston	96	74	pc	98	74	pc	94	73	pc	93	72	t
Indianapolis	88	68	pc	85	66	pc	84	62	t	80	52	s
Kansas City	89	69	pc	87	69	pc	86	65	t	85	54	s
Los Angeles	76	63	pc	78	63	pc	78	63	pc	78	61	pc
Miami	90	78	pc	89	78	pc	89	78	pc	89	75	pc
Minn. - St. Paul	78	60	sh	78	56	pc	80	58	s	82	64	pc
New Orleans	91	76	pc	91	76	pc	91	76	pc	91	72	t
New York City	90	72	s	92	78	sh	92	76	t	78	54	pc
Omaha	87	68	pc	87	64	sh	84	60	s	83	54	s
Phoenix	100	78	pc	98	78	s	98	76	s	98	72	s
San Francisco	72	56	s	72	56	s	72	56	s	71	52	s
Seattle	80	56	s	82	56	s	78	56	pc	76	61	pc
Washington	92	74	s	94	78	pc	96	78	t	83	56	s

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	6:14 a.m.	7:45 p.m.
Fri.	6:15 a.m.	7:44 p.m.
	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	8:06 p.m.	5:36 a.m.
Fri.	8:33 p.m.	6:38 a.m.

Moon Phases

	Full	Last	New	First
Aug	22			
Sep	6	13		

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		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	72	53	pc	74	56	pc	70	55	pc	71	56	c
Berlin	83	61	s	85	64	pc	83	62	pc	78	60	pc
Buenos Aires	66	54	pc	70	54	pc	74	56	c	74	55	c
Cairo	96	67	s	94	67	s	90	65	s	88	65	s
Jerusalem	82	56	s	82	57	s	82	57	s	81	56	s
Johannesburg	77	50	pc	79	49	pc	77	49	pc	75	49	pc
London	76	56	pc	77	56	pc	74	59	pc	68	49	c
Madrid	95	60	s	96	60	pc	95	63	pc	94	62	pc
Mexico City	74	53	pc	74	56	r	74	55	r	76	55	c
Moscow	69	48	pc	70	54	s	71	55	c	72	52	pc
Paris	75	53	pc	78	55	pc	76	55	s	77	56	pc
Rio de Janeiro	75	62	pc	75	63	pc	75	65	s	74	63	pc
Rome	80	64	c	83	62	pc	81	62	s	80	63	pc
San Juan	89	78	s	89	78	s	89	78	s	89	77	s
Seoul	79	70	pc	77	75	r	79	70	t	79	68	t
Sydney	68	46	pc	66	48	pc	60	47	t	63	40	pc
Tokyo	75	69	pc	79	74	c	78	74	r	85	74	c
Toronto	82	60	pc	80	62	pc	77	47	pc	64	41	pc
Winnipeg	76	54	s	74	49	pc	78	54	s	80	54	s
Zurich	76	58	r	79	58	c	80	62	pc	74	61	t

To submit items for the Community Calendar, e-mail them to carolynnjean@yahoo.com or fax them to 732-388-4143 attention: Community Calendar. Items must be received at least 10 days before desired publication date.



SEPTEMBER COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 27 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Bayshore Community Health Services is hosting a career brunch focusing on recruitment of all nursing professionals, nursing assistants and emergency room and critical care technicians in the hospital conference room. For more information, call (732) 739-5986.

August 28 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.—Raritan Bay Medical Center's Marion Tanzman Diabetes Center is sponsoring a free *Diabetes Support Group* to be held in Centennial Hall at Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Ave. Call to register (800) 624-6555.

Sept. 4 from 7:45 a.m. or 12:30 p.m.—The JFK Medical Center Foundation will host the JFK Annual Golf Classic at the Metuchen Golf and Country Club in Edison. The cost to participate is \$500 per golfer and includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks and drinks, as well as a dinner reception, awards ceremony and surprise gifts. Call (732) 632-1540 for more information.

September 7 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.—The Inman Avenue Association will hold its Semi-Annual Townwide Cleanup of Colonia. Anyone interested in volunteering, call Charlie Shaughnessy at (732) 388-9646.

September 7 from 8 p.m.-Midnight—St. Stan's Polka Party will be held at St. Stan's Auditorium, 225 MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. Advance tickets are \$11 per person and tickets at the door are \$13 per person. Mass will be featured at 5:30 p.m. in the school gym. For tickets, call Connie at (732) 651-6391 or the church office at (732) 254-0212.

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Birth Announcements continued

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announce the birth of their daughter, **Lindsey Abreu**, born July 4, 2002.

Doris Mabel Sanchez and Ladislao Percy Garcia of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Leslie Doris Garcia**, born July 8, 2002.

Shelreece Rice of Perth Amboy is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, **Anavya Rice**, born July 9, 2002.

Grazyna Maria and Edwin Lebron of Keasbey are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Gabriel Stefan Lebron**, born July 10, 2002.

Monique Riggins and Carlos Aponte of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Jayce Cameron Aponte**, born July 10, 2002.

Jessica Cruz and Ivan L. Clark of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Nazir Javon Clark**, born July 11, 2002.

Yvelisse A. and Angel N. Fernandez of Perth Amboy are

proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Jasmin**, born July 11, 2002.

Yasmin Quinones and Antonio Crespo of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Damien Antonio Crespo**, born July 15, 2002.

Leslie Annette Mendez and Alfonso DeJesus Cruz of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Yomayra Alexandra Cruz**, born July 16, 2002.

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Jessica Arriaga of Perth Amboy is proud to announce the birth of her daughter, **Cassy Anshanty Arriaga**, born July 28, 2002.

Sheri-Anne Marie and Osbardo Ortiz of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Mya Ivette**, born July 28, 2002.

Renee Suzanne Johnson and John Slater of Edison are proud to announce the birth of their son, **Kenneth Lee Slater**, born July 30, 2002.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alex Listash of Old Bridge are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Ally Shea**, born July 27, 2002. Ally weighed 7 lbs. 14 ozs. and measured 21 inches.

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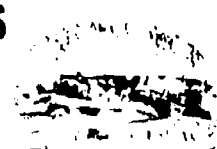
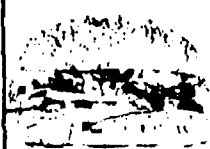
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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Rahway Couple Produce Music Featured on Top Reality TV Show

RAHWAY Ren Music, Inc., a Rahway based company owned by Joe and Patricia Kurasz, has produced music which is featured on several TV shows.

Much of the background music on "The Bravest", a top TV show on CBS, is composed by Joe Kurasz. Applauded by the viewing public as the first series to accurately portray real-life firefighters in real-life situations, "The Bravest" has also been embraced by the entertainment press. *TV Guide* calls it "the hottest new reality show this



Joe and Patricia Kurasz

fall". "The Bravest" is easily the best reality series...the series is the most technically accomplished of its kind", quoted the *Star Ledger*.

Kurasz also composes music for "B Smith With Style" which airs on NBC and was a daily composer of major themes and underscore for "The Guiding Light". Kurasz is also the recipient of a HEART grant awarded by the Union County Freeholders to develop and conduct workshops for high school students on the topic "From Idea To Song".

This talented twosome are also the proprietors of the Union County Dance Centre, located in downtown Rahway, which continues to expand its class offerings. Director Patricia Kurasz has created programs for several productions throughout the area including Dance in the Park, the NJ State Council for the Arts, the Union County HEART grant, Union County College and numerous school programs.

Ren Music, Inc and Union County Dance Centre are now accepting registrations for their

fall classes. Ren Music offers classes in piano, organ, music computer lab, voice and theater arts. Union County Dance Centre offers classes in various dance styles and techniques and theater performance. For further information, please visit their web-sites

at www.UCDCONLINE.com or www.RENMUSIC.com or call 732-382-6815 (Ren Music) or 732-382-3933 (Union County Dance Centre).

(See their ad in the Back to School section on page 2)

The 9th Biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival

STANHOPE—The 9th Biennial Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, the largest poetry event in North America with over 15,000 attendees, will be held at historic Waterloo Village in Stanhope, New Jersey, September 19-22, 2002. Held biennially since 1986, the Dodge Poetry Festival

immerses audiences in a celebration of poetry featuring an international array of poets—winners of the most prestigious literary prizes—and other artists including storytellers and musicians.

Among the dozens of poets participating in the 2002 Festival will be the five most recent poets Laureate of the United States: Rita Dove (1993-95), Robert Hass (1995-97), Robert Pinsky (1997-2000), Stanley Kunitz (2000-01), and Billy Collins (current, 2001-03). The four-day event takes

place in tents and 19th century buildings in picturesque Waterloo Village, a nationally registered historic site in Allamuchy Mountain State Park near Stanhope, New Jersey. Featured Poets offer readings throughout each day and evening and join in discussing some of the ways in which poetry illuminates our culture and our daily lives. More than three dozen other accomplished poets will also read at sites throughout Waterloo Village and there will be open reading opportunities for attendees.

In addition to public events, special programs are available for pre-registered students and teachers on the first two days of the festival. More than 4,500 high school students and 2,000 teachers from across the country will attend.

Tickets for the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival from September 19-22 are currently available from Ticketmaster by calling 207-507-8900 or 212-307-7171, or on the web at www.ticketmaster.com.

Admission to the Festival is

\$18 for Thursday, Friday, or Sunday; and \$25 for Saturday. A two-day Weekender Pass for admission on Saturday and Sunday is \$35 and Festival pass for the entire four days is \$60. Evening-only admission is available after 4 pm on Thursday and Friday for \$12 and Saturday for \$15. There is a 20% discount off all admission prices for students and seniors.

Waterloo Village is conveniently located at Exit 25 of I-80 and ample free parking is available. Round-trip bus service from the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York City to Waterloo Village is available during the Festival on the Poetry Bus operated by Lakeland Bus Lines, 973-366-0600. Fares are \$7.60 one way and \$14.60 round trip.

For additional information on the Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival, including updated program information and poet biographies, visit at

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2. Debt Can Hinder You From Reaching Your Goals—Consider having no more than two credit cards and don't treat shopping as a form of recreation. There are two types of debt. "Good debt" is for the investments for the future (e.g., college education and home improvements) while "bad debt" is for "disposable" expenses, such as meals and vacations, that are purchased with credit cards.

3. Diversification is the

Best Way to Protect Against Investment Fluctuation—A common error is to have too much riding on one's employer; a job, a pension, stock options, etc. It is wise to invest in all asset classes (stocks, bonds, real estate and cash) and place money in different types of each asset class (e.g., small, medium, and large companies).

4. If Something Sounds Too Good to Be True, It is—Don't let the prospects of personal gain cloud your judgement. Just say no to deals that promise high returns and no risk. In a recent case, fraudsters promoted an investment that promised to pay a 300 percent return in 12 days. Many so-called "sophisticated investors were taken in by this and lost money.

5. Your 401(k) or Other Tax-Deferred Plan—is a Gift Not To Be Overlooked—Don't ignore the opportunity to invest tax-deferred through an employer plan, especially if there is a match, which is "free money." Personal savings can be a major source of retirement income. Most people do not want to lower their living standard in retirement.

6. You Should Have a Will—If you don't have a will, the state has one for you. A big roadblock for many people is naming key positions such as guardians and executor. It is important, however, to make an appointment to see an attorney and get it done. You can always change different sections of your will later if you want.

7. Sometimes Enough is Enough—It is not necessary to "beat the market" but, rather, to simply to earn a return (e.g., 8 percent) sufficient to reach your own personal financial goals. Americans are very competitive by nature, however, and are always trying to earn better than average returns.

8. Women Will be Responsible For Their Financial Lives at Some Point—Age 56 is the average age of widows and women live longer than men on average. It is not wise for either spouse in a married couple to be an inactive participant in family finances or for anyone to abdicate total control to a spouse or other financial advisor.

9. It Pays To Get a Regular Financial Check-Up—Like

former New York City mayor, Ed Koch, it is wise to periodically ask "How am I doing?" Financial advice is not just for the affluent. Components of a financial check-up include a cash flow analysis, a review of investment performance, including portfolio rebalancing, and a review of estate planning documents. For the names of fee-only financial planners,

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The Many Faces Of Fraud

Crime has many different faces. Crime includes fraud, like telemarketing fraud and identity theft. These criminals feed upon a person's good nature. They can steal small amounts or up to your life savings or your home.

According to the National Consumer League's National Fraud Information Center, nearly one third of all telemarketing fraud victims are seniors. These criminals are adept at manipulating individuals. They rely on the trusting nature of many seniors, they know the longer they can keep someone on the phone, the more likely they can convince that person of their scam. Often they feed off the desire of people to help in time of crisis. It is important to know that these individuals are criminals, subject to fines and jail time.

An organization called Fraud.org suggests you beware of the warning signs of telemarketing fraud:

- A promise that you can win money, make money or borrow money easily;
- A demand that you act immediately or else miss out on this great opportunity;
- A refusal to send you written information before you agree to buy or donate;
- An attempt to scare you into buying something;
- Insistence that you wire money or have a courier pick up your payment; and
- A refusal to stop calling after you've asked not to be called again.

Remember it is illegal for companies that operate contests or sweepstakes to ask for payment to enter a contest or to claim a prize. It is also illegal to ask for a fee up front to help you get a loan if they strongly imply or guarantee that loans will be made.

Losses caused by identity theft, estimated by the United States Secret Service as costing consumers and institutions \$745 million in 1997,

are something we should all be aware of. There are a reported 100,000 incidences of identity theft annually. Criminals get your personal information by theft of wallets or purses, by stealing from your mailbox personal information, by posing as an employer, loan officer or landlord, by watching your transactions at the ATM machine and by going through your trash to steal personal information.

To protect yourself, the AARP recommends:

- Do not ordinarily carry your Social Security card, passport or birth certificate;
- Properly dispose of papers with personal information, such as receipts, bank statements and credit card offers;
- If you receive checks through the mail, see if you can have those directly deposited. Remember that Social Security checks carry your Social Security number;
- Give out your Social Security number only when required. Do not write it on your check;
- Don't give out your credit card or bank account number unless you have placed the call and know the business;
- Beware of others nearby when entering your PIN at an ATM or the supermarket; and
- Get a copy of your credit report at least once a year to check for errors. In New Jersey, credit agencies are required to provide you with one free report per year.

Remember that fraud comes in many forms. These criminals rely on human nature to take advantage of a person. But, you can protect yourself by being vigilant, by demanding information be sent to you, by demanding identification from those who contact you and by contacting the authorities. If you would like more information or believe that you have been a victim of fraud, please contact my office at 732-316-1885, so I can help.

Readers Commentary

Booster Seats A Priority

Dear Editor:

During the past seven months, more than 12,500 free child booster seats have been given to Central New Jersey families. The United Way of Central Jersey has made it a priority to help keep children safe by partnering in the distribution of these booster seats.

Following the December 2001 passage of New Jersey's child passenger safety law requiring booster seats for children up to age 8 or 80 lbs, many families faced an unexpected expense in purchasing

the seats. Ford Motor Company and United Way of America donated the seats through Boost America, their national child passenger safety campaign. This innovative and generous program is putting one million booster seats onto the road nationwide, with half going to income-eligible families.

The United Way of Central Jersey was pleased to partner with the community in this effort, including the Edison Police who taught parents how to properly

install and use the seats. The success of this program represents this team effort between local police, Ford Motor Company, and the United Way, along with our combined commitment to the safety of New Jersey's children and youngsters throughout the country.

Gloria Aftanski
President & CPO
United Way of
Central Jersey

Democrats: Tax & Spend

Dear Editor,

Reading newspapers is part of my daily life. I never cease to be amazed at the similarity between responses to questions by various political leaders. Case in point; someone else is always to blame.

Governor McGreehey always blames Christie Whitman for everything. Mayor Spadaro must agree because he now blames former Governors Christie Whitman and Don DiFrancesco for the fiasco of the Oak Tree pond funding. As an Edison resident I can't remember Governor Whitman

proposing or voting for the purchase of the property, however, I do remember the fiasco of financing created by Mayor Spadaro and passed by his all-Democrat council. This disease must run throughout the Democratic party because Freeholder Director Crabel and the all-Democrat Freeholder Board took Mayor Spadaro's word for the value of the Oak Tree pond property. They blindly spent taxpayers dollars to help fund the fiasco with Spadaro's pal Jack Morris. Someone is responsible for this

mess and I guess it must be the voters.

They elected all these tax and spend types who can't accept responsibility for their own action.

Voters, wake up and smell your money burning. It sure isn't Republicans doing it. They don't have a vote on any of the boards or offices responsible for the Spadaro/ Crabel/Morris/Oak Tree Pond financing scheme.

Robert A. Brown
Edison

Guest Editorial

Will a Latin American be the Next Pope?

By Roger E. Hernandez

The adoring throngs that welcomed Pope John Paul II in his recent visit to Guatemala and Mexico, along with the aged pontiff's physical frailty, have set off renewed speculation among Vatican observers about a question that has come up now and then during the past few years.

Will the next pope be the first pope from Latin America?

The Church is keenly interested in the region, home to nearly half of the world's 1 billion Catholics. The pontiff traveled to Mexico and Guatemala to canonize two men: an Indian shepherd believed to have witnessed the apparition of Mexico's patroness, the Virgin of Guadalupe; and a 17th-century Spanish missionary who cared for the poor in Guatemala.

It was the perfect example of how the Church wants to gain the initiative from Protestant evan-

gelicals working to convert the indigenous poor. With the canonizations, it paid tribute both to Latin America's Indian and its Spanish roots.

Can a Latin American pope be the next step in the Church's fight to keep Latin America Catholic?

A key to the election is held by the 26 Latin Americans who hold voting seats in the College of Cardinals (only those under 80 are allowed to vote). Add the cardinals from Spain and Portugal, and you have a formidable bloc, larger than the 24 prelates from Italy, who traditionally have formed the largest bloc.

Of course, it would be foolish, and an insult to the universality of the Catholic faith, to believe that the Ibero-American bloc would blindly vote for one of their own just because he's a fellow member of the tribe. But it would be just as foolish to believe the ethnic factor is irrelevant. In the case of a tie between two other candidates, a compromise that brings a Latin

American to the throne of St. Peter is far from an absurd supposition.

A Latin American pope would no doubt strengthen Catholicism in his home region. But would he have as profound a secular impact as John Paul II had in his native Poland?

The principal problem in Poland in 1978 was that it was ruled by a communist system that denied Poles their freedom and closed off economic opportunity. John Paul II helped bring the regime to an end.

A Latin pope — any pope, for that matter — would be helpless in bringing wealth to the region. Popes can't build factories with jobs that pay well, stabilize stock markets or halt inflation.

But a Latin American pope would have a personal interest in leading a moral and spiritual crusade against the political corruption rampant in Latin America. Maybe lapsed Catholics would listen and take their hands out of the public till.

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A Special 8 Page Section

It's nearly time for the kids to head back to school, and we've got some tips to make the process easier. We've also got some great after-school activity suggestions.

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Star Essence Wins National Dance Titles

EDISON—Nine local students recently attended the Dance Arts Plus National Dance Competition in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and came home gold trophy winners in every category. The dancers are members of the Luminous Dance Ensemble of Star Essence Performing Arts Academy, 1001 Amboy Avenue, Edison (Clara Barton section).

Kimberly Tyrrell, 12, of Metuchen and Tabitha Edwards, 10, of Edison won High Score for their novelty duo, "Black Cat," qualifying them to perform at Hershey Park. Tyrrell also won the Dance Spirit Magazine "Future Star" award of \$100 and will be

featured in an upcoming issue. She won gold trophies in tap, jazz, novelty and acro.

Francesca Esteves, 8, of North Brunswick, won a \$760 scholarship with gold performances in tap and jazz solos and duos.

Gianna Gritz, 7, of Woodbridge won the title "Little Miss Dance Arts Plus." She won gold trophies for her tap and jazz solos and duets, as well as photogenic and modeling trophies.

Edison residents, Jen Lucas, 15, Julie Parsons and Hayley Pross, 10, and Tyrrell won a special "Outstanding Acro" award and gold trophy for their performance of "Quidam."

Lucas also won gold trophies in the photogenic and modeling

categories. In addition, she won gold in the musical theater category for her rendition of "McCavity" from Cats.

"Outstanding Novelty" and Group Title were also awarded to the students for their performance in the comedy Hip-Hop number, "Super Sonic."

Kiera Regan of Metuchen has completed her second year as owner of Star Essence. She received special recognition from the judges; she was presented with the Outstanding Choreography award. She was recognized for the high level of her choreography across all categories. She is proud of her hard working students and the many awards they have won at competition this year.



TROPHY WINNERS—Miss Kiera Regan of Star Essence Performing Arts Academy congratulates some of her gold trophy winners: (Clockwise from L.-R.) Jen Lucas, Tabitha Edwards, Kimberly Tyrrell, Miss Kiera, Francesca Esteves, Gianna Gritz and Hayley Pross.



GOLD TROPHY WINNERS—Star Essence's competition team, Luminous Dance Ensemble, enjoyed performing their gold trophy winning jazz number at the Dance Arts Plus Competition in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Back To School At Busy Bee

RAHWAY — Busy Bee Child Care Center and Nursery School on St. Georges Avenue, Rahway, is preparing to welcome back students to a new school year. The school, during its 35 year history, has always provided a safe, nurturing environment for its students while promoting a strong program for children to develop social, emotional, physical

and cognitive skills. In bright, cheery classrooms children have opportunities for art activities, imaginative play and quiet reading. A gym program, computers and a large outdoor play area compliment the program.

The staff is made up of experienced, dedicated child care professionals who provide a balance of age appropriate

activities designed to help the child develop a feeling of self-worth, confidence, creativity, curiosity and a sense of independence.

They feel it is important for a child to interact with other children, as well as adults, and to develop the ability to think, reflect, feel and conceptualize. The school goals have been set with these concepts in mind.

Busy Bee, in its continuing effort to meet the needs of parents and children, offers a half day nursery program as well as extended hours for working parents.

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ARA — Having healthy feet as an adult is due in large part to having healthy feet as a child. With back-to-school season marking one of the heaviest for kids' shoe shopping, parents should look for a proper fit, and be aware of critical shoe features designed to address the unique needs of kids' rapidly growing feet.

"Ideally we all should walk on soft ground or sand, but since that's not possible, a child's developing foot structure needs to be protected against the damaging forces of man-made surfaces," said Dr. Jeffrey S. Brooks, a foot and ankle surgeon practicing in St. Louis.

"The features offered by Payless' SmartFit children's footwear line help protect against these forces by providing the proper support for children's feet so they develop correctly and by providing the body with needed balance," said Dr. Brooks.

"Although there are problems that require specialized medical attention, many minor childhood issues like growing pain, night pain or heel pain -- as well as adult problems like flatfoot, bunions, hammer toe and arch strain -- even back pain, can

be prevented with a good pair of shoes beginning at about age one."

Payless' patented SmartFit line, engineered in partnership with Dr. Brooks, addresses the critical needs of kids' growing feet. It offers high-quality features such as proper arch support, advanced heel-to-toe cushioning, enhanced durability, flexibility, and extra toe room beginning at just \$9.99.

According to Dr. Brooks, parents should check for the following important features in a children's shoe before making a purchase:

- * Arch support and heel-to-toe cushioning — run a finger along the inside sole to ensure that the footbed is cushioned and has a good arch support.

- * Flexibility — bend the shoe to ensure that it easily flexes at the ball of the foot, the widest part of the shoe.

- * Extra toe room — look closely at the toe box construction to ensure ample room for children to wiggle toes.

- * Durability — feel the material and look for a well-constructed shoe. Shoes made of quality materials hold their shape well. Shy away from flimsy or too soft

materials. Payless is doing its part to help ensure kids get shoes that fit the bill — and the foot — with its industry-recognized Children's Footwear Program. The program is a four-cornerstone approach to purchasing shoes for kids: superior technology, flawless fit, popular styling and selection, and great value — all of which are important to helping ensure that both parents and kids leave its stores satisfied, happy and healthy.

Growing Smart Ensures the Shoes Fit

Growing Smart is Payless' recently introduced shoe fitting service, designed to help parents keep pace with the rapid growth of kids' feet.

"There are two facts of life when it comes to kids," said John Haugh, chief marketing officer and senior vice president of business development for Payless, "They grow like weeds, and they never stop moving. Both factors make quality, properly fitting shoes a must."

Because children's feet grow so rapidly — often as much as two to three sizes in a year — the medical community recommends shoe fittings for children every three months, beginning at about 12 months of

age. "We give parents a Growing Smart fitting card that lets them easily track their child's shoe size."

Equally important, our sales associates are trained to measure the child's foot with a certified Brannock Device and to put the child in the shoes to check key areas — such as the toe box — for a proper fit." Haugh also noted that Payless' SmartFit line offers a full range of popular styles, including one of the industry's widest selections of shoes featuring cartoon characters kids love like Spider-Man, Nickelodeon's Dora the Explorer, Disney's Winnie the Pooh, and The Powerpuff Girls. The company recently announced the exclusive availability of the actual footwear worn by the actors in the new Spy Kids 2 movie sequel, available while supplies last.

Payless ShoeSource, Inc. is North America's largest family footwear retailer. The company operates a total of 4,952 stores offering quality footwear and accessories at affordable prices. In addition, customers can buy shoes over the Internet by visiting www.payless.com.

Courtesy of ARA content.

Healthy Eating For Back-To-School

ARA — Back-to-school brings many thoughts to mind: new clothes, new notebooks and supplies, new friends, new ideas to learn. It also brings a new opportunity to make sure kids eat healthy and nutritious meals and snacks.

A Resource for Parents

Parents looking for ways to get their kids to eat more fruits and vegetables can turn to www.aboutproduce.com, a Web site filled with free recipes, a fun kid's area, and valuable nutrition information for all members of the family.

On aboutproduce.com, parents can search the recipe database for a wide variety of fruit and vegetable dishes -- from breakfast ideas to salads to main dishes to desserts to snacks -- discover how long the meals take to prepare, and add the ingredients to their printable shopping list. There is also a free e-mail recipe club for visitors to sign up to receive a weekly recipe.

In "The Produce Patch"

After parents have found a healthy meal for the family, the kids can go to aboutproduce.com to have some fun. In the kids' section, called "The Produce Patch," four characters (Chirp, Paulina, Caleb, and Hoyt) help children become more familiar with fruits

and vegetables. Kids can:

- * Learn how to make tasty, after-school snacks such as fruit smoothies, shakes, or fruit cups
- * Take an interactive adventure on a make-believe farm to find certain fruits and vegetables
- * Paint coloring book pages online or print the pages in black

and white for offline entertainment

- * Discover different ways to use produce items in crafts
- * Get answers to their produce questions

Kids can also use the Web site as a source of information for

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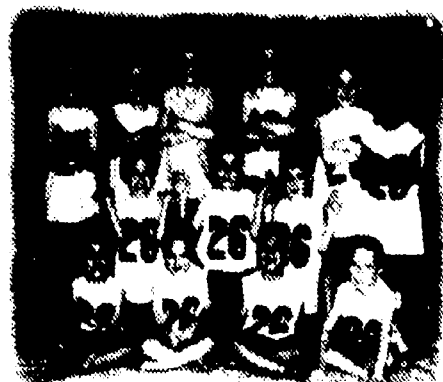


Back to School



Woodbridge School Of Dance Begins 25th Year

WOODBRIDGE — The Woodbridge School of Dance is proud to begin its 25th year in the Woodbridge area. The studio was established by its director, Jacqui O'Shaughnessy, in a small storefront on Main Street, Woodbridge and has grown to a four-dance room facility on Rt. 35, Avenel.



BOYS FLIP OVER WOODBRIDGE SCHOOL OF DANCE—These boys are part of the all boy's tumbling classes offered at the Woodbridge School of Dance. There are also classes for boys in tap, hip-hop and karate.

O'Shaughnessy appears in the National Registry for Who's Who in recognition of her exemplary service, both to her community and her profession.

The dance studios all have viewing windows and wood floors. There is a large waiting area, central air and ample parking to add to the convenience of this location. The large teaching staff offers a variety of dance styles and techniques for dancers of all levels. WSD offers a full range of dance classes in Ballet Pointe, Tap, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Acro-Gymnastics, Lyrical and Theater. There are adult classes in Step Aerobics as well as dance. Classes are available to dancers 2 1/2- Adult. New for 2002 are Karate Classes for Kids.

A specialized pre-school program is broken down into two age

groups with pre-dance offered to 2 1/2-3 1/2 year-old dancers and Ballet-Tumble or Ballet-Tap classes for 4-5 year-old dancers. There is a Tumble class for 3-5 year-old boys and Acro-Gymnastics for older boys.

Dance classes are offered for beginning and advanced students. Classes for the advanced students are complemented by dance workshops offered at the studio with New York performers. The staff and students attend conventions throughout the year to add to the students' exposure to the dance world. There are also audition opportunities for the students who wish to perform.

The "Pure Energy" dance team offers serious dancers a chance to



COWGIRL CUTIES—Young dancers pose at the Woodbridge School of Dance "Show of Shows" held at the State Theater in New Brunswick on June 22.

compete and perform throughout the tri-state area. The team and its coaches have won many prestigious awards including choreo-

graphic awards, precision awards and high score awards. The team performs at the St. James Street

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LM Dance Offers Variety Of Classes For All Ages

EDISON—Lisa Marie's School of Dance, also known as LM Dance, was established in 1989. The school is currently located at 1109 Inman Avenue in the Inman Grove Center, Edison. (It was formerly located off Oak Tree Rd.). The school caters to all age groups from two-year-old toddlers to adults. There is even a lovely couple 90 years of age who registered for four hours of Ballroom Dance weekly. Adults are encouraged to participate not only in Ballroom and Latin but also in Tap, Ballet, Jazz and Hip-Hop.

Lisa Marie D'Amato, founder of the school, takes great pride in her teaching and choreography. Her enthusiasm and love for dance fills the room with energy.

She creates an environment where dancing is viewed not only as a form of exercise, but also as a joyous escape from the mundane world. Dance classes include *Intro to Dance, Ballet, Tap, Pointe, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, Acrobatics, Ballroom and Latin.*

The LM Dance Company has also been partaking in many competitions for the past 12 years and has won many first place awards including Most Entertaining, Most Creative and Highest Score for the Day.

There are numerous returning students who have literally grown up and matured as the school has aged. Many students have left for college and still come back to attend classes at LM Dance whenever possible. Many students continue to succeed in their dancing careers. This Fall, Heather Pezzello, a long term student at LM Dance, will be attending Point Park in Pittsburgh, PA and has already been placed as Top Dancer in the COPA Dance Company. Melinda Moskal, one of D'Amato's first students, is presently attending Rutgers University has been accepted into Mason Gross.

LM Dance now offers all styles of ballroom and Latin dance. Group and private lessons are available. Call (908) 822-7117 for a free introductory ballroom lesson.

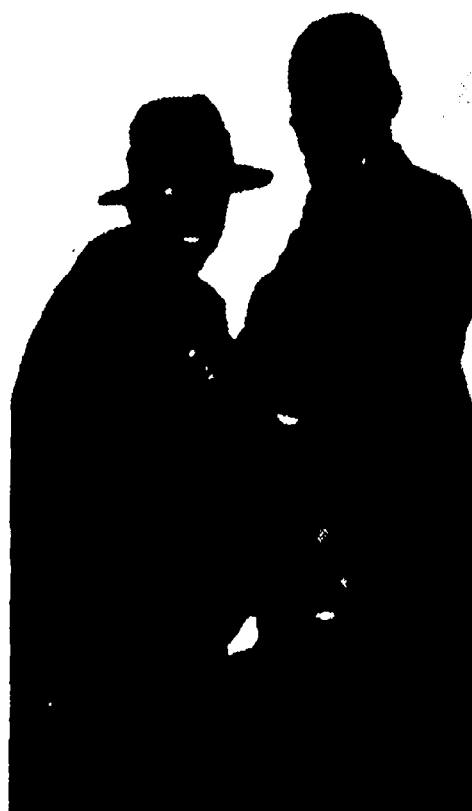
Fall classes begin on Monday, Sept. 9. There will be a Holiday Show in December in addition to the annual recital in June.



Heather Pezzello

D'Amato is joined by a talented and energetic staff including Megan Ferrentinos, Ed Bontempo, Liz Thievon and Michael Cuiffo, former owner of Top Hat Dance in Garwood.

Doors will open for registration and questions. Please feel free to visit on Aug. 26 and 27 from 4-7 p.m.; Aug. 28 from 9-11 a.m. and Sept. 3, 4 and 5 from 3-8 p.m.



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LINDEN — La Danse School of Performing Arts celebrates 25 years of "Dance Excellence"! Founded in 1978 by Tina Socci, the studio has grown not only in enrollment and studio size but in commitment to the community.

"We've always been more than just a dance studio," says Socci. "We're like one big happy family with everyone encouraging each other. Former students bring their children to the studio because they feel that sense of family tradition and values not to mention the excellent dance instruction. Our students and their families are actively involved in community functions and are amply rewarded by the joy they bring to others."

Part of the success of the studio is due to the excellent staff. "All of my instructors are fully certified and qualified to teach," said Socci, "with many of them coming in from NYC."

Joining the staff this year will be Suzanne Osterberger, certified by the Alvin Ailey Dance Center and current instructor at Steps in NYC; Vera Huff, currently on the facilities of Broadway Dance Center and Steps NYC; and Anniese Taylor, a graduate of Syracuse University, dance captain for NBA. Hip-Hop master, Tom McKie, will also be adding classes to the schedule.

La Danse students have been afforded many opportunities to showcase their talents. In June, La Danse tappers were invited to join an elite group of dancers performing on 42nd Street in NYC in front of the New Victory Theatre to celebrate the revival of the play "42nd Street." They met cast members and were part of the filming of a commercial promoting the show.

The Junior Tap competition team was also chosen to perform on Broadway at the Duke



TAP CITY FESTIVAL—Students from the La Danse School of Performing Arts located at 10 North Wood Avenue, Linden, were chosen to perform at the "Tap City Festival" in NYC in July. The program auditioned hundreds of groups from all over the world, choosing only 15 groups to perform at its annual gala. Pictured (L.-R., back row) are Director, Tina Socci, Kristen Smith, Kristen Socci, Ezra Herbert and Quran Starling; (L.-R., front row) Tara Picaro, Priscilla Rendon, Andrea D'Allessandro, Adam Socci, Asha Griffith and Savion Glover. These students can be seen performing at the Open House scheduled at La Danse on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to celebrate the studio's 5th anniversary. For info., call (908) 862-6887.

Theater for the Tap City Festival held there in July. They performed "The Monkey Song" written by Hoagie Carmichael. They were personally greeted and congratulated by Hoagie Carmichael Jr., who told them that was his favorite song written by his father. They also met Savion Glover and attended a tap jam hosted by Yvette Glover with students from all over the world.

Former student Daniel Vaniska is currently on tour with "The Music Man" and is patiently awaiting word on his recent successful audition for Gypsy on Broadway. Curriculum at La Danse includes Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, Acro-Gymnastics, Kinderdanse,

Creative Movement for tots, Aerobics and cardio-kick boxing. Boys' classes have always been popular at the studio and are filling very quickly. Adult classes are offered in Ballet, Tap and Jazz.

Registration for Fall classes will be held Aug. 22 and Sept. 5, 6 and 7 from 4-8 p.m. An open house will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to celebrate 25 years of being "more than just a dance studio". Everyone is invited to come see the state of the art air conditioned facilities and receive free gifts, refreshments and entertainment galore.

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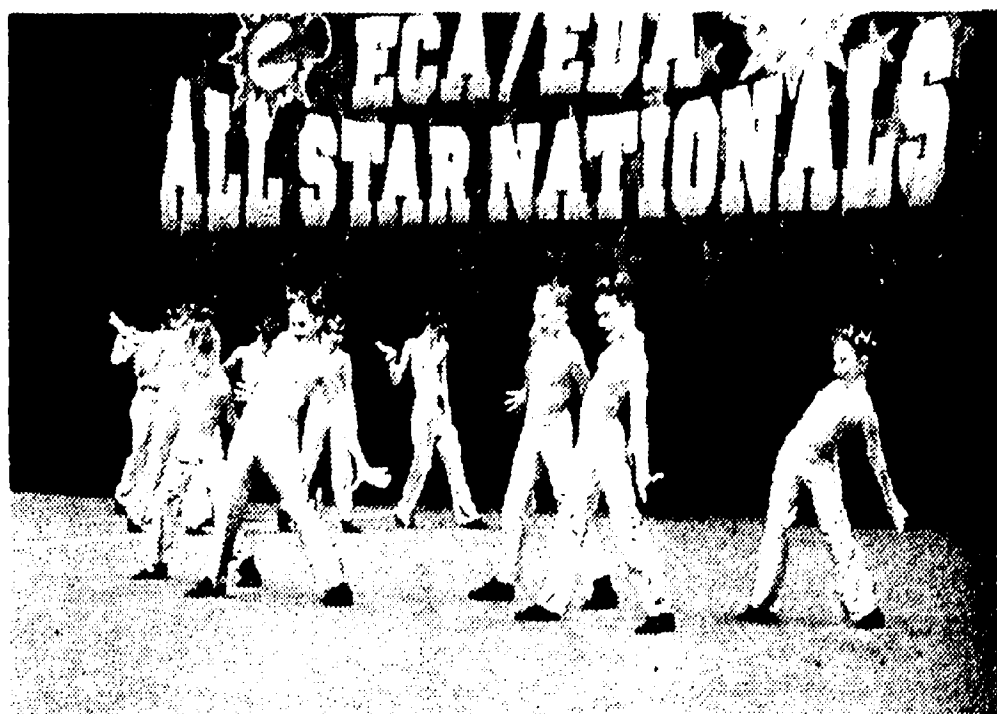
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Central Jersey Dance Highlights



ALL-STAR DANCERS—The "All Star Team" of Central Jersey Dance and Gymnastics Center.



DANCE CHAMPS—The Jersey Girls Junior and Senior "All Star Dance Teams" coached by Kristianne Fleischman (not in photo) pose together after winning the Eastern Dance Association Jazz-Funk Championship titles this past spring in Atlantic City.

SCHOOL DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN



We hope you're enjoying our 8 page Back to School section. If you have any comments or criticisms concerning our Special Sections or would like to see more Special Sections please drop us a line and let us know.
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Dance Is An Art, Not A Sport

FORDS — For 49 years, Miss Ruth has been instilling a love of dance in her students as well as teaching the principles of the performing art. A tradition that has been handed down from mother to daughter to granddaughter, Miss Ruth School of Dance is a rock-steady force in

the ever-fluctuating sea of dance schools.

Miss Ruth School of Dance places quality, tradition and technique above all else in its philosophy. Classes are offered in Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz, and Modern and even Tai-Yoga! Students begin at age 3 in a Tots

class and usually stay through high school. (The Tai-Yoga class is for adults).

Believing that *dance is an art, not a sport*, Miss Ruth School of Dance does not take part in competitions. Instead, the students get many opportunities to perform extensively throughout the community. Young dancers also get their chance to audition for the American Dance Theatre, NJ, currently based at Miss Ruth. (American Dance Theatre, NJ is open to all dancers. For information, call (732) 738-8239).

Family owned and operated for 49 years, Miss Ruth School of Dance employs an adult staff with years of experience in the "real world" (some even grew up with Miss Ruth and returned after successful careers). Many staff credits include regional ballet companies, national tours and Broadway.

"Our staff knows their craft because they live their craft,"



Young "Vienna waltzers" from Miss Ruth School of Dance in Fords.

explains Dance Director Donna Mosolgo.

"Our mission is to educate, enlighten and encourage," adds Rod Hausen, director of the school and son of the original Miss Ruth.

Enrollment in classes at Miss Ruth is limited so students can get valuable individual attention. Also, parents are welcome to sit and wait in the large reception room while siblings busy them-

selves in the well-stocked playroom. Two large rehearsal studios, a music studio and dressing rooms round out the facilities at Miss Ruth.

Miss Ruth School of Dance is part of the American School for Performing Arts (which offers acting and singing classes) located in the historic old Fords firehouse at 14 Corrielle St., Fords. Call (732) 738-8239 for more information.



Students from Miss Ruth School in Fords strike a modern pose.

American Sign Language And Deaf Studies Begin 24th Year At Union County College

CRANFORD — With the opening day of Fall 2002 semester at Union County College, the American Sign Lan-

guage and Deaf Studies and the Interpreters for the deaf Programs will begin their 24th year of providing unique

instruction that prepares successful graduates rewarding careers in service to the deaf and hard of hearing.

The American Sign Language & Deaf Studies Program is designed for individuals who are interested in the field of deaf studies, linguistics, communications, psychology, social work, rehabilitation, education of the deaf and related areas, while the Interpreters for the Deaf Program is designed for individuals who are interested in the field of American Sign Language — English Interpreting. The latter equips students with the necessary knowledge and skills for entry-level positions as sign language interpreters and prepares them to be evaluated for certification through the National Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf. Students in both programs graduate prepared for entry-level positions working with deaf persons or for transfer to four-year programs.

Located on the College's Plainfield campus, students have access to a unique ASL Language and Interpreting Lab. Equipped with 12 carrels of VCR/TV monitors and recording cameras, it is the only laboratory of its type in the state of New Jersey, and the only one in

the nation located at a community college. To enhance the learning experience, students use the lab to record, review and monitor their signing skills as they progress through their course of instruction.

First-year level courses being offered this fall are American Sign Language I and Visual Gestural Communication Techniques. Second-year level offerings are American Sign Language 3 and American Sign Language Linguistics. Third-year level courses are American Sign Language 5, Text and Discourse Analysis for Interpreting, ASL to English (Sign to Voice) Interpreting, and Preventive Measures against Cumulative Trauma Disorders.

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Woodbridge School Of Dance continued

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Fair and the Woodbridge Community Day at Woodbridge Center. They also perform charity work. The team has been invited to perform in Disney and Universal Studios in Florida.

Karate classes will be held once or twice a week for 40 minutes in conjunction with USA Karate in Clark. Classes will be once a week for kids ages 4-6 and

twice a week for kids 7-11.

Registration for the 2002-03 season will be held throughout the month of August. The dance studio is open 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday for dance camp. There are two open house dates for new students and their families to see the studio, Monday, Aug. 26 and Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 3-8 p.m. or call (732) 636-4740 for more information.

Scotch Plains Academy Answers Local Need For Pre-School/Daycare

SCOTCH PLAINS—The Scotch Plains Academy pre-school and daycare is putting the finishing touches on its classrooms at 1595 East Second Street in Scotch Plains. Beginning in September, the Academy will offer full and half-day programs for children ages 2½ to 5 years.

The Scotch Plains Academy is a new venture for owners Michael DeVita, a longtime local businessman, and his wife, Leslie. "Our focus will be on teaching, not just babysitting," said Mr. DeVita, who explained that a planned curriculum will drive each day's activities with the children. Mrs. DeVita will serve as the on-site director of the school.

The program will feature math explorations, art and music, science, creative free play, dramatic play and cooking. There will be computers in each classroom, and time set aside for the children to rest.

To that end, the DeVitas have hired two experienced teachers, both of whom are certified in Early Childhood Development. The teachers will have two assistants to support their work with the children.

The East Second Street facility includes three separate classrooms so that appropriate activities may be targeted to the varying ages and abilities of the children. The school is awaiting delivery of a new outdoor playground, which will include climbing equipment, a slide and a sandbox.

The Academy will be open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Depending upon their childcare needs, parents may select a full day

session for a child - 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., or opt for one of two half-day options: either 9 a.m. to 12 noon, or 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Families have the option of a two, three or five-day-per-week program. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the full-day program, while snacks are part of the half-day package.

Mr. DeVita outlined the Academy's philosophy. "Nothing is more important than the happiness and well being of your child," he explained. "We provide a warm and nurturing environment where children are encouraged to develop a love of learning."

Information packets are available now from the Scotch Plains Academy. These include tuition information, a sample daily schedule and sample menu as well as general information on the Academy's program of activities, and school policies related to illness and discipline.

For more information or to register at the Scotch Plains Academy, contact Michael or Leslie DeVita, (908) 322-4399.

Rainbow Academy Child Care Centers

ISELIN — In November 1997, Rainbow Academy for Preschoolers, Inc., opened at 23 Gill Lane, Iselin, in the immediate vicinity of Metro Park Train Station and corporate park. Rainbow Academy-Iselin is a state of the art facility with a cozy atmosphere featuring an experienced staff operating in a secure and friendly environment. This center serves approximately 155 children from ages 18 months-10 years.

In December 1998, Rainbow Academy-Woodbridge, LLC, opened at 458 Amboy Avenue, Woodbridge. Capitalizing on the success of the Iselin facility and expanding its capabilities to serve infants, this center provides for the needs of almost 200 children from ages 6 weeks-10 years.

In October, 2001, Rainbow Academy-Edison, LLC, opened. Located on the first floor of this totally reconstructed office building, 2177 Oak Tree Road, North Edison, this facility is the newest in the Rainbow Academy family and will ultimately serve over 250 children from ages 6 weeks-10 years.

All of the Rainbow Academy facilities are state of the art centers featuring a coded entry system and video and audio surveillance monitoring of every classroom. Parents have the entry code to come and go as they please while knowing that strangers will not have easy access to the building and their child. Rainbow Academy Child Care Centers also feature

Internet ParentWatch™ (www.parentwatch.com) — a colorful video monitoring system, which allows authorized subscribers (parents, grandparents, family or friends) the ability to watch their children over the Internet from work or home.

Each of the Rainbow Academy Centers is designed with an enclosed and private playground area. They also feature toilets and sinks in each classroom so that teachers don't have to remove children from their room to take care of their many toilet needs. Every age group has their own classroom with a certified teacher and staff ratios that are always lower than state requirements. All employees undergo a fingerprint and Child Abuse record Information background check.

Rainbow Academy's program has been developed to fit the needs of today's active families. They strive to provide children with a quality "home-away-from-home" atmosphere. There are several computers in each classroom for 3-year-olds and above.

Rainbow academy believes in a learning environment that is based on developmentally appropriate practices and activities. Each child has an individual pattern and timing of growth. Age-appropriate programs enhance each child's



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development by providing an environment in which activities are appropriate for their individual differences. A child's growth in the areas of cognitive, social, emotional, physical and creativity is a culmination of positive attitudes and interactions. A hands-on approach makes the learning process fun. In this way, children can experiment, evaluate and discuss their findings.

Rainbow Academy believes in promoting the development of a positive self-image, self-discipline and cooperation in each child.

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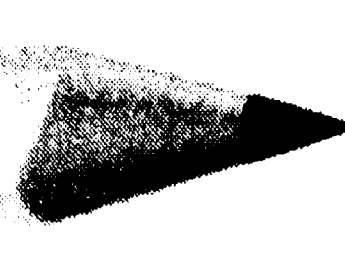
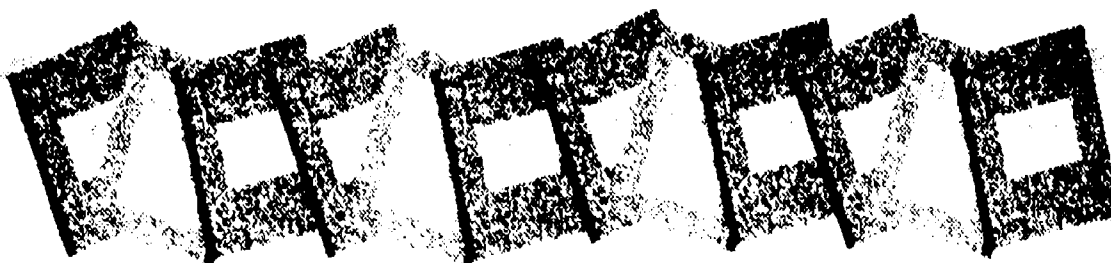
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Healthy Eating For Back-To-School continued

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homework, school reports, projects, and more. It's like a produce encyclopedia!

It can help family members learn about the "5 A Day" program, which advocates eating five servings of fruits and vegetables a

day for better health. There are also tips on how to get fit with "5 A Day." The dictionary explains how much a serving actually is. It's smaller than you think. One serving can be: 1 medium-size piece of fruit, 3/4 cup (6 oz.) of 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice, 1/2 cup cooked or canned

vegetables or fruit, 1 cup of raw leafy vegetables, 1/2 cup cooked dry peas or beans, or 1/4 cup dried fruit.

Armed with this knowledge, parents can show the kids that eating "5 A Day" really isn't all that hard.

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Jellybean Junction Launches Latchkey Program

ISELIN—Having successfully served the Iselin, Woodbridge, Avenel, Colonia and surrounding areas for the past five years with excellent child learning enhancement programs and day care, Jellybean Junction now expands their services to include Latchkey.

This service is now available for kindergarten students from schools #18, #20, #24 and #26. The program provides bus transportation from each of these schools to the Jellybean Junction learning center. Once there, students will be given the opportunity to receive homework help, remedial assistance and additional enhancement utilizing Jellybean Junction's professional staff of certified teachers and aides. Computers will also be available for students to assist with enhancement of

their regular kindergarten curriculum.

There are limited openings so the school directors Katie Piccirillo and Jean Blaha urge parents to sign up early. There will be an open house on Sunday, Aug. 25 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Jellybean Junction, located at 501-503 Route 27, a quarter mile north of Oak Tree Road and Green Street.

Parents who wish to register earlier may do so by calling the school at 732-283-7474 to schedule an appointment. Jellybean Junction Pre-School and Day Care offers learning enhancement and day care for children 18 months to 6 years, is certified by the New Jersey Department of Youth Services (DYFS) and is fully licensed by the state of New Jersey as a quality child care facility.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

Edison Resident Works In Research Lab At Rider

LAWRENCEVILLE This summer, Rider University sophomore Anthony Pennello of Edison, a biology major, is conducting research to shed further light on why the likelihood of developing cancer increases with the aging process.

Studying the lymphocyte biology of spiny mice, Pennello has been staining their cells with monoclonal antibodies specific for mouse cell surface molecules. He is finding that the mice appear to be more gerbil-like than mouse-like. His work is part of an on-going research conducted by Dr. James Riggs of Lambertville, professor and chairperson of the biology department at Rider.

Last year, Riggs received a

three-year \$132,608 grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH) via the National Institute on Aging to study how the immune system differs in the elderly versus the young. Pennello's focus in particular holds implications for the evolution of mammalian immunity. His next step will be to determine how well these creatures respond to different types of immunizations.

"I love hands-on research more than just studying in the classroom," said Pennello, who plans to become a cardiologist. "It's one thing to talk about B-cells and T-cells, but it's another thing to actually find them yourself. Every little piece of information I discover is very inter-

esting." According to his mentor, Dr. Riggs, the chance to conduct extensive lab work over the summer proves invaluable to students like Pennello.

"Experiential learning, via the research opportunities that our biology department provides, opens doors for our students to their future careers," said Riggs. "The great majority of students completing summer research with us move on to graduate or medical school after their days at Rider."

A graduate of St. Mary's High School, South Amboy, Pennello is the son of Anthony Pennello and Mary D'Ambrosio and Ernest D'Ambrosio.



HARD AT WORK—From (L.R.) Anthony Pennello and Dr. James Riggs.

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Council of Catholic Women will be hosting a "blood drive" on Sunday, Aug. 25 between the hours of 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Sacred Heart School Cafeteria, located on Walnut Street and Washington Road, South Amboy. The platelet machine will be

available for those wishing to donate platelets. Please be sure to have some ID with you and you must be at least 18 years of age.

To make an appointment or for more information, call (732) 721-4208 or (732) 721-7764.

Local Residents Named To Dean's List

AREA—The following local residents have been named to the Spring 2002 Dean's List at University of the Sciences in Philadelphia. Selection for this award is based on completing and passing all assigned courses with no grade below a "C" and attaining an academic average of at least 3.4 for courses taken in the

Spring Semester of 2002. Neha Patel of Sayreville, a Pharmacy student; Aneta Malysiak of South Amboy, a Pharmacy student; and Magdalena Popiel of South Amboy, a Pharmaceutical Technology student.

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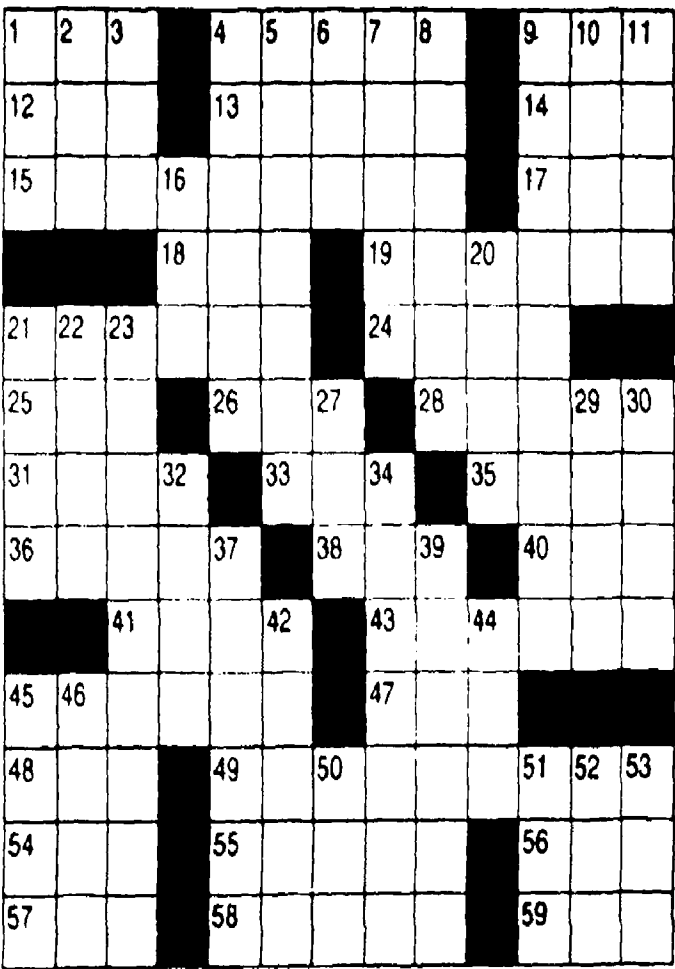
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Trey was relieved that Leo and Greenlee didn't discover his Proteus files. Later, after moving into Trey's loft, Kendall noticed the similarity between Trey's voice and the voice of actor Richard Fields. "Maria" told Aidan she's a fugitive. Meanwhile, David broke into Wildwind looking for her and flashed back five years earlier to when he told "Maria" to disappear. Anna learned she's pregnant. Tad managed to see "Maureen's" medical files as well as a photo of her. Wait to See: Trey confesses to Maggie. David gives "Maria" news about her past. Leo discovers Trey's secret.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Bonnie and Lisa agreed to team up together. Craig tried desperately to keep Aaron and Lucy apart. A hurricane upset Simon's plans. Abigail tried to focus on her own life. Hal and Emily vowed to stay together. Mike and Molly made Mike's last night in Oakdale a memorable one. Wait to See: Lily gets medical advice.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL
Sheila met Massimo during

her night on the town. Erica was disappointed that Rick believed Amber had been drugged. Later, Ziggy told Taylor about Lance's money troubles. C.J. gave Bridget a raise to keep her from leaving. Taylor's life was put in danger when she unknowingly came upon Sheila collecting the money that Lance left behind. Wait to See: Massimo makes a curious decision.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Billie was upset about the growing closeness between Kate and Roman, given Billie's past with him. Jack sent a state trooper to rescue Colin and Jennifer. After Marlena returned Stefano's "bequests" to Tony, he went into a fugue state where he heard a man's voice telling him that Marlena is the only one who can turn the key and unlock his dreams. Abe told Lexie he's filing for a divorce. Chloe and Philip got carried away with passion. Meanwhile, John gave Brady information about Chloe's father. Wait to See: Chloe decides to join Brady on an important journey. Jennifer's feelings for Jack intensify.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Lucky and Nikolas investigated Luke and Laura's failure to appear at their wedding and found Rick's dead body in the Scorpio attic. Later, they contrived to make it look as if Rick had accidentally driven off a cliff, only to have Lucky trapped in the car along with Rick's body. Jason gave Sonny Felicia's photos of Roy and Alcazar together. The mystery woman agreed to free Zander in exchange for information about Jax and Sonny. Wait to See: Sonny and Jason confront Alcazar.

GUIDING LIGHT

Reva faced up to the charges against her. Holly told Buzz and Ed exactly what she expected. Olivia arranged a surprise meeting for Beth and Bill. Marah felt a jealous pang when she saw Tony with Marina. Gus tried to help Harley bring Eden back to

Springfield. Wait to See: Tony and Marah are forced to spend a night together.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Roxy found Viki's body in the trunk. Jessica found Starr in Viki's attic, and the two bonded over their respective problems. Ta realized she was still attracted to Todd. Nora woke Troy, who was having a nightmare about his dead wife, Joanna. Rae used the tape of her session with Asa to prove to him that she would write a tell-all book about his misdeeds. Wait to see: Rae announces her next move to an already shaken Asa.

PASSIONS

Tabitha created a storm as she vowed to make all of Harmony pay for Timmy's death. Luis felt devastated, betrayed and jealous after Sheridan told him about Antonio. Meanwhile, Eve wondered how she could tell Pilar the results of the medical tests done on Antonio. Ethan had jolting news for Theresa. Wait to See: Ethan turns to Gwen.

PORT CHARLES

The Avatar was outraged when Ian publicly called him a coward. Later, Ian and Rafe thwarted the Avatar's attempt to lure Alison and baby Danny to the edge of a cliff. Lucy later told an incredulous Rafe that he's actually an angel. Jack and Alison overheard Livvie claim that the Avatar didn't father her unborn child. Doree had bad news for Chris about Lancelot. Wait to See: Karen is drawn to the Avatar. Lucy contacts the great beyond.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Mac kissed Billy goodbye as he left for Louisiana to help Brock build houses for the poor. Paul and Chris reacted to seeing each other. After her parents seemed impolite to Raul, a distraught Brittany drank too much and, despite Raul's attempts to stop her, got into the car and crashed it. Juice roughed up Neil and then took note of his address before running off. Meanwhile, Drucilla and Lily arrived at Neil's apartment. Lorie and Max conferred on his plan to break up Victor and Nikki. Wait to See: Drucilla makes a shocking discovery.

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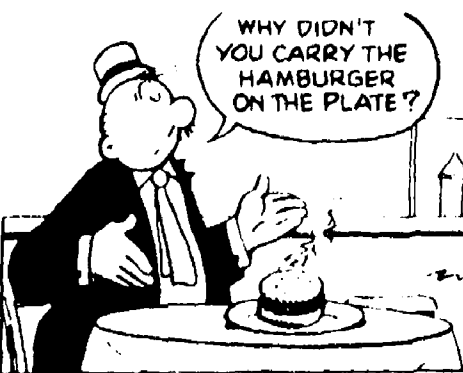
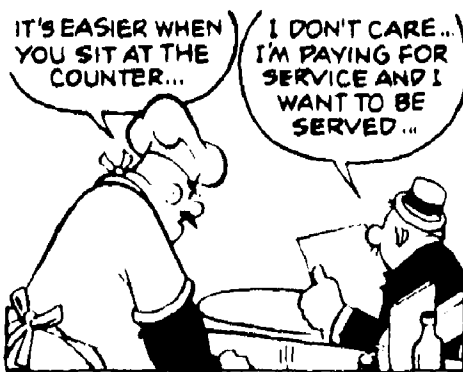
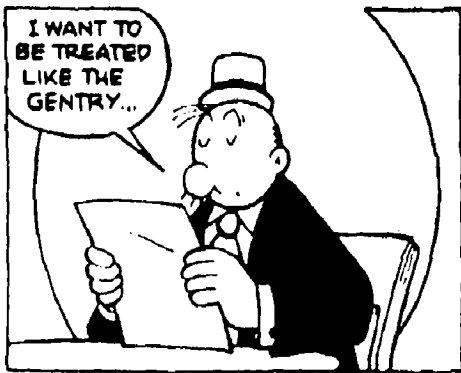
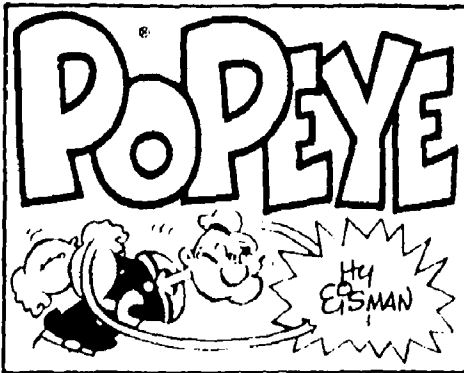
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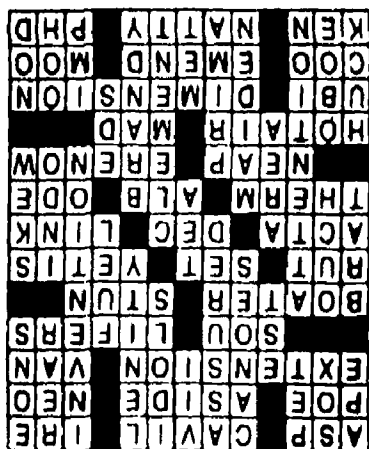
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OBITUARIES

Ines Kanellos, 84 of Edison

Mrs. Ines Kanellos of Edison died August 6 at home. She was 84.

Born in Puerto Rico, she lived in New York City, Jersey City and Colonia before moving to Edison in 1990.

She was a bookkeeper for the Puerto Rican Government in New York for five years.

Previously, she was a bilingual secretary at Merck Pharmaceuticals in New York and Rahway, and, earlier, worked at Beckman Instruments in Mountainside and as a bookkeeper for the Regina Vacuum Co., Rahway.

Mrs. Kanellos was past president of the American Association of Retired Persons Colonia Chapter 3459 and a member of the Colonia Senior Citizens.

Surviving are Charles, her husband of 59 years; two sons, Charles Jr. and Nicholas, and three grandchildren.

Andrew Buckho, 82 of Edison

Mr. Andrew Buchko of Edison died August 2 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 82.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Fords for 22 years and in Milltown for six years, living the rest of his life in Edison.

He was a terminal manager for Herman Forwarding in South Brunswick for 15 years, retiring in 1982. Mr. Buchko was an army veteran of World War II and was a combat infantry man and a rifle sharpshooter. He received a bronze star and a Purple Heart; and was wounded during the crossing of the Rhine River. He was a member of the VFW post in Lawrence Harbor. He was a sports fan.

His wife, Margaret, died in January 1970.

Surviving are his longtime companion, Shirley Buchko of Manchester; four sons, Andrew T. of Edison, James W. Lux of Howell Township, Randy L. of North Plainfield, and Gary A. of Edison; two brothers, Peter of Jackson and John of North Carolina; one sister, Clara, both of Edison; many nephews and nieces, and great-nephews and great-nieces.

Rita E. O'Connor, 88 of Carteret

Mrs. Rita E. (Wilson) O'Connor died August 9 at Ashbrook Nursing Home in Scotch Plains. She was 88.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., she resided in Carteret since 1947.

She was a secretary with General Dynamics in Avenel for 13 years before retiring in 1976.

Mrs. O'Connor was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Carteret.

Her husband, Joseph, died in 1956, and a daughter, Patricia, died in 1960.

Surviving are a son, Kevin of Metuchen.

John Sbailo, Sr., 77 of Carteret

Mr. John Sbailo Sr. of Carteret died August 11 in Rahway Hospital. He was 77.

Born in New York City, Mr. Sbailo lived in Carteret for 39 years.

Mr. Sbailo was a general superintendent for the New York City Transit Authority, working on the subway system, where he worked for 39 years before retiring in 1987.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he served on Guadalcanal.

Surviving are Ida, his wife of 51 years; four sons, Michael, Victor, Christopher and Philip; four sisters, Rose Antonello, Gloria Caffiero, Jean Silvano and Betty Sullivan; seven grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Eleanor Kushner, 75 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Eleanor Kushner of Woodbridge died August 10 at Seabrook Village, Renaissance Gardens, in Tinton Falls. She was 75.

Born in Woodbridge, she was a lifelong resident.

She was a 1944 graduate of Woodbridge High School, and attended Rutgers University.

Mrs. Kushner was a bookkeeper for Cassie Corporation in New York City until 1995.

She was a member of St. James R.C. Church in Woodbridge.

Her brother, Martin Gaul, died in 2001.

Surviving are a brother, James Kushner of Bradenton, Fla.; and one niece and one nephew.

Fred Runyan, 56 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Fred Runyan of Perth Amboy died August 9 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 56.

Born in Clearwater, Fla., he was a resident of Perth Amboy for the past 52 years.

Mr. Runyan was a construction electrician with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Worker's Local Union 456 in Perth Amboy for 25 years.

He was a communicant of the Church of the Holy Trinity.

His parents, Fred and Ann (Pittel) Runyan, are deceased.

Surviving are cousins, Arlene, Andrew and Robert Pittel and Mary Ann O'Brien.

Richard Dunham, Sr. of South Amboy

Mr. Richard Dunham, Sr. of Eatonville, Wash., (formerly of South Amboy) died August 5 in Washington state. He was 80.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided in South Amboy for many years.

Mr. Dunham was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army with the military police in Africa and Italy, where he received a Medal of Valor in Rescue Operations.

His parents, Andrew and Isabelle (Flynn) Dunham; four brothers, Andrew Sr., Harold, Thomas and Edward; and four sisters, Isabelle, Ellen, Jennie and Anna, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah Halsey Dunham of Eatonville; a son, Richard Dunham Jr.; and a daughter, Linda Leitch, both of Jackson; a brother, Joseph Dunham of Brick; a sister, Margaret Stempinski of Parlin; four grandchildren, Jason, Dawn, Donald and Denise; and two great-grandchildren, Shaylen and Tia.

Francis J. Lucitt, 79 of South Amboy

Mr. Francis J. Lucitt of South Amboy died August 1 at home. He was 79.

Born in South Amboy, he was among the third generation of his family to live in the city.

He was a graduate of St. Peter's College in Jersey City. Mr. Lucitt was employed as a chemist with the U.S. Department of Defense.

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

He was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church in South Amboy.

He was a member of the Orpheus Glee Club.

His parents, John H. and Nora E. (Burke) Lucitt; four brothers, Monsignor Edward Lucitt and John, Raymond and Wilfred Lucitt; and a sister, Carmelita Lucitt.

Surviving are his cousins, Mary Jo Kenny of Highlands, Burke Honnold of Rumson and Marcy Morrison of LaJolla, Calif., and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Janine Lucitt of Antony, France.

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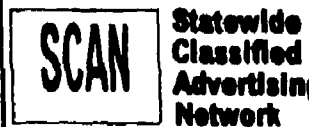
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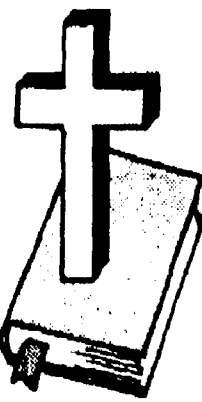
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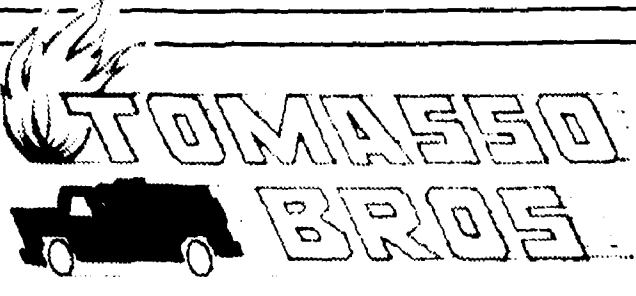
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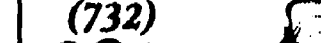
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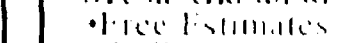
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"The entire program is designed to ignite enthusiasm in high school students by demonstrating real-world applications for science, mathematics, engineering and technology to their teachers," said Robert Sicora,

director of the New Jersey Center for Advanced Technological Education (NJCATE) at Middlesex County College, sponsor of the event. "The idea is that if teachers get excited about technology, so will their students."

"Building for Tomorrow" is viewed as a critical step in gearing young people toward math and science careers, as the United States faces a dire shortage of technical workers. Teachers learned about the varied student competitions that are held throughout the country, such as the F.I.R.S.T. robotics competition. Botball and RoboRocks! which is held at Middlesex County College. "By having teachers experience the thrill of fist-hand competition, as

well as collaboration with colleagues from different disciplines, their enthusiasm will translate into increased student participation," Sicora added. "We expect that they will emerge from the institute motivated and prepared to organize their own teams."

Teachers and faculty members from high schools in the following towns were scheduled to participate: Old Bridge, Fort Lee, Manville, Linden, Newark (West Side High School) and Niagara Falls, N.Y. A team from the Omar Dengue Foundation in Costa Rica, who found news of the event on the Internet, also participated.

NJCATE is funded by a Grant from the National Science Foundation. The sessions took place on the Middlesex County College campus at the Academy of Science, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology. The robotics competition took place in the Middlesex County College Student Center, Cafeteria C.

Perth Amboy Cuts Ribbon On Neighborhood Park Improvements

PERTH AMBOY—Mayor Joseph Vas held a ribbon-cutting ceremony Aug. 7 to celebrate the completion of improvements at Francis Street Park, a neighborhood recreational facility that services approximately 50 children on a daily basis throughout the summer. The renovations have provided all new recreational facilities to the northeastern neighborhood known as the "Budapest" section.

"It's rewarding to see so many children enjoy these new improvements. It's even more gratifying that we can provide these opportunities for our youth at no cost to the taxpayers of this city. I hope they take advantage of the remaining summer time to enjoy healthy, outdoor activities," said Vas.

The \$18,680 project, funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), is providing a complete physical and aesthetic

facelift to the aging facility located at the corner of Francis and Ashley streets. Workers began two weeks ago to replace the aging playground equipment with an entirely new, multi-purpose Game Time Modular System.

New sidewalks, a drinking fountain and new benches have also been added and the entire park has been made handicap accessible. Whirl Construction from Port Monmouth was responsible for conducting the improvements, while the equipment was provided through Marturano Recreation Company of Brick.

The improvements were completed with nearly a month left for the city's summer recreation program to enjoy the new facilities. Perth Amboy provides supervision for all of its city parks, which feature daily games and activities for city youth.

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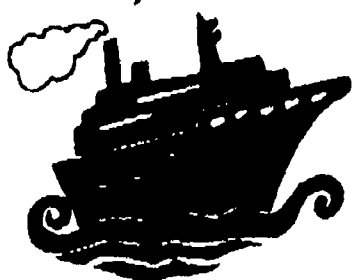
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Snoopy! Comes To The Forum Theatre

METUCHEN—The Forum Theatre Company's program for children, *A Kid's Forum*, now in its 6th season announces its delightful production of *Snoopy!!* playing on stage Aug. 5-Sept. 21.

Thom Christopher Warren plays Snoopy in the *Kid's Forum* production. Thom appeared in Broadway's *Once Upon A Mattress*, and will soon be joining the cast of Disney's *The Lion King*, having performed in past Forum productions. Charlie Brown will be played by Paul Whelihan, who has appeared in numerous Forum projects (most recently as Miss Texas in the uproarious parody, *Pageant* and

writes and directs for *A Kid's Forum*. Whelihan performs extensively in off-Broadway, regional theatre and locally produced film and television projects. *A Kid's Forum* Artistic Director Ellen Beattie plays Peppermint Patty, having performed off-Broadway and in national tours, as well as directing at the Forum and other regional houses.

A Kid's Forum productions are performed by professional actors (member of Actors' Equity Association, the union for stage performers) with live music, colorful sets and imaginative costuming. Cast members meet and greet the children after each per-

formance, signing autographs and having their pictures taken with new friends from the audience.

A Kid's Forum musicals are recommended for children ages 2 and up and their families.

Snoopy!! has an appeal for older children in particular. All seats are reserved. Ticket prices are \$12 for everyone with discounts for groups of 20 or more. Camp groups, daycare centers, Boy Scouts and Girl Scout Troops, as well as other organizations are all encouraged to book early for best availability. For tickets call (732) 548-0582 or visit the web site at www.forumtheatrecompany.com.

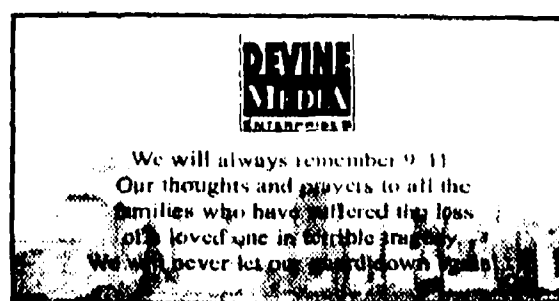
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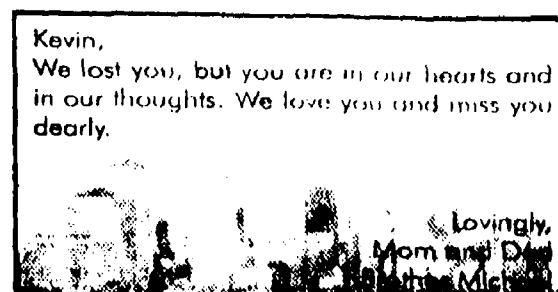
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