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Swimmer Succumbs To Strong Current

SAYREVILLE—Edward Zalewski died Sunday after getting caught in the strong current of the Washington Canal when he dove out of a motorboat for a swim.

Autopsy results were inconclusive, and Middlesex County Medical Examiner Dr. Geetha Ann Natarajan was still awaiting toxicology and other test results before ruling out other factors.

Zalewski, 46, from New Brunswick, was pronounced

dead at 4:23 p.m. at the Old Bridge Division of Raritan Bay Medical Center on Sunday, according to Michael Ayers, assistant captain of the South River Rescue Squad. Police said that Zalewski jumped off the back of a Ray Farrell's motorboat to go swimming not long after Zalewski, Farrell, and Farrell's wife and child had eaten at a restaurant.

Zalewski was soon in trouble and Farrell jumped in to

help him, but the current proved too strong for the pair to return to the boat.

Farrell guided Zalewski to the Sayreville side of the South River near Veterans Memorial Bridge.

Farrell's wife flagged down Robert Perrini of South River and Michael Boliak, a New York Police Department detective, who helped pull Zalewski out of the water. Perrini said that when he and Boliak reached Zalewski, he had no

pulse. Perrini used the CPR training he received in high school to help Boliak and Farrell perform CPR until help arrived.

South River patrolman John Geesey reached Zalewski on a boat borrowed from a South River Boat Club member who joined the rescue effort. After Zalewski was loaded on board, Geesey took over CPR efforts.

Perrini said, "You know, we did everything we could and it didn't help."

Hospital Fined Twice By State

PERTH AMBOY—State officials fined the Raritan Bay Medical Center \$11,000 earlier this year for two incidents that violated laws governing hospitals in New Jersey.

The medical center was fined \$1,000 in February for opening a new patient area without state inspection or approval at its Perth Amboy hospital and it was ordered to pay \$10,000 for failing to prevent and report the escape from its Old Bridge facility of a patient who was found dead a week later.

Department of Health and Senior Services staff visiting the Perth Amboy medical facility in October 2001 determined that the hospital converted an area of the Emergency Department which had formerly been office space into six patient bays, and began using them for patient care without notifying the state to request an inspection and

receive approval to use the area.

"This is a violation of section N.J.A.C. 8:43G-2.4(c) of the Hospital Licensing Standards, which states that no hospital shall accept patients into any new area without first receiving written approval from the Department," according to Marilyn Dahl, a senior assistant commissioner in the state health department.

State law allows for a maximum penalty of up to \$2,500 for each day that a facility violates any rule or regulation pertaining to the care of patients or physical plant standards, but the hospital was assessed a penalty of only \$1,000 for failing to get approval to use the additional ER space.

Donna Sellman, a spokesperson for Raritan Bay Medical Center, said that the emergency room at the Perth Amboy Division is undergoing a multi-

phase renovation. She said that the hospital has been working closely with the state to have the facilities inspected as they are completed.

Sellman said that on a particular day, the emergency room was already crowded and there were a large number of additional patients because of a bus accident. Sellman said that the newly completed patient bays were used to treat patients because of the crowding, although the area had not yet been inspected by the state.

Raritan Bay Medical Center's Old Bridge Division was fined \$10,000 in January, after a patient who had run away from the facility on Dec. 29 turned up dead a week later.

After the body was found on Jan. 5 state officials said, "the facility failed to provide nursing care that (addressed) the patient's documented history of

wandering and state of confusion." State officials determined that a nurse failed to ensure that the patient was properly supervised to protect his safety, that the hospital's governing body failed to establish a policy for dealing with "patient elopement, including notification of the appropriate parties," and they cited the hospital's failure to immediately report the escape.

Sellman said that she could not comment on this incident because the issue is still unresolved with the state.

Corrective actions dealing with the added space were outlined in a plan submitted by the medical center that was accepted by state health officials on March 12. The state health department accepted on April 22 a plan to deal prevent future escapes of patients who require supervision.



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YOUR COUNTY NEWS



Lawmakers Salute Civil Air Patrol Honorees

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
The General Assembly and Senate on June 20 honored four Middlesex County residents who recently earned awards from the Civil Air Patrol (CAP).

The CAP is the civilian Auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. For more than 50 years, CAP has performed three congressionally mandated missions: Aerospace Education, Cadet Programs and Emergency; which includes disaster relief, search and rescue efforts, counter-drug programs, humanitarian services and Air Force support.

Assembly Assistant Majority Whip Arline Friscia, Assistant Majority Leader John S. Wisniewski, along with Senator Joseph Vitale (D-Woodbridge) sponsored a joint legislative resolution commending Michael W. Metz, Christopher M. Krajewski, John D. Parillo and James D. Scott.

Awards were presented to:
• Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Michael W. Metz, Woodbridge Township, who received the General Ira C. Eaker Award for his successful completion of all sixteen achievements and four

phases of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program.

• Cadet Major Christopher M. Krajewski, South Brunswick, who was presented with the Amelia Earhart Award for his successful completion of the first eleven achievements of the Cadet Program.

• Cadet Second Lieutenants John D. Parillo, South Brunswick and James D. Scott, Parlin, who each received the General Billy Mitchell Award for their successful completion of the first eight achievements of the Cadet Program.

Birth Announcements

EDISON The following are birth announcements from JFK Medical Center, Edison and Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division for the month of May.

HUNT: A boy, **Dylan James**, to Carol Ann and Joseph Robert Hunt of Metuchen on May 6.

HERNANDEZ: A girl, **Kylie Luzermina**, to Raquel Delgado and Javier Hernandez of Perth Amboy on May 9.

OVIDO: A boy, **John Albert Perez**, to Martha V. Perez Oviedo and Efrain Perez of Edison on May 9.

KARANGUTKAR: A boy, **Aman**, to Salima Rajan and Vishal Karangutkar of Edison on May 9.

ECOBICHON: A boy, **Lucas Christopher**, to Lynn and Christopher Ecobichon of Fords on May 10.

ORTEGA: A girl, **Megan Katelin**, to Melanie and Edwardo Ortega Jr. of Perth Amboy on May 10.

ZARZYNSKI: A boy,

Thomas John, to Ann Marie and Dean Zarszynski of Linden on May 11.

RARITAN BAY MEDICAL CENTER: Perth Amboy

SOTOMAYER: A boy, **Justin Elias**, to Maria P. Lugo and Justo E. Sotomayor of Perth Amboy on May 4.

RODRIGUEZ: A girl, **Ashley Marie**, to Zunilda Rosario and William R. Rodriguez of Perth Amboy on May 4.

MARTIN: A boy, **Harry Ramon**, to Marilyn Molina and Fredy Martin of Perth Amboy on May 4.

MARTINEZ: A girl, **Diamond**, to Luz Maria Vazquez and Elby Geovanni Martinez of Carteret on May 7.

ROSARIO: A girl, **Lizbeth**, to Elizabeth Carrasco and Pedro Rosario of Perth Amboy on May 9.

LEONARDO: A girl, **Jaylene**, to Rosaira Diaz and Richard Leonardo of Perth Amboy on May 10.

Wisniewski May Face Challenge

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The recent announcement that Democratic Assemblyman John Wisniewski would vote against the Newark Arena came as a surprise to many Democrats, especially since Wisniewski represents Gov. James E. McGreevey's old legislative district.

This defection may be the last straw for some Middlesex Democratic leaders, who say that Wisniewski, not necessarily a loyal team player despite his safe district, may find himself with a primary challenger next year.

Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas has been anxious to get a seat in the legislature for some time, and has a healthy war chest just in case. And there is some speculation that a popular Republican mayor with friends on the Democratic side, Kennedy O'Brien of Sayreville, might switch parties and run against Wisniewski, the Sayreville Democratic Municipal Chairman, in the primary.

Saint Peter's Schedules Safe Sitter Program

NEW BRUNSWICK — Is your pre-teenage son or daughter ready for the responsibility of looking after your younger children when you run to the store or of watching your next door neighbor's children when they go out on a Friday night? Your child may be eager to earn that extra money for CD's and the latest fashions, but how confident are you that if an emergency occurs, your child will know what to do?

The Safe Sitter Program at Saint Peter's University Hospital will teach your child how to handle those emergencies, and give you peace of mind. Safe Sitters will learn what to do for a choking child or if a child stops breathing; how to call for emer-

gency help; how to feed and diaper a small child; how to entertain children and keep them safe.

The course is open to boys and girls age 11 to 13. The \$50 fee covers all materials and costs for the program, which will be held July 18, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in Saint Peter's University Hospital's Sister Marie dePazzi Conference Center, Rooms 4 & 5, 254 Easton Ave., New Brunswick. Another class will be held August 15, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the 4H Center, 645 Cranbury Rd., East Brunswick. Registration for each class is limited to the first 18 students.

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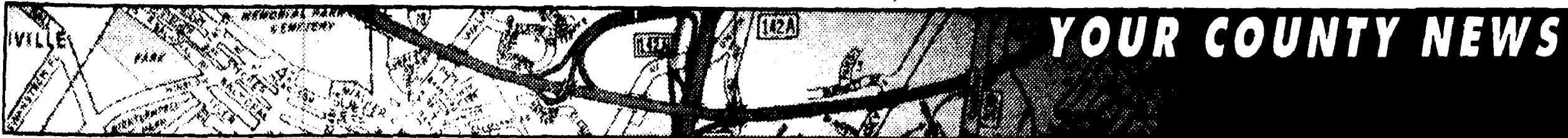
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Residents Receive Degrees At Columbia University

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Columbia University's two undergraduate schools, Columbia College and the Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science, awarded more than 2,500 bachelor's degrees this past spring, in a commencement ceremony that marked the end of Columbia's 248th academic year.

Area graduates include: Sara Kim of Edison; Smita Srinivasan of Edison; Crystal Musse of Perth Amboy and Michael Lee of Fords.

23 Graduate from Police Academy

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—The Middlesex County Auxiliary Police Academy graduated its 36th class in ceremonies held in Sayreville. The 23 graduating officers were trained as volunteer auxiliary police officers by local departments, the state police, and county prosecutor's office.

Graduates included: Kevin Byrne, Luis Cabezero, Jason Cardona, Michael Feinfeld,

Edvardo Garcia, Raymond Hamlett, Elvin Hernandez, Melvin Jensen, Frank Kitchen, Joaquin Lopez, Jose Lopez, Gilbert Martinez, Deborah Meade, Ricardo Molina, Daniel Mosakowski, Ibrahim Mostafa, Martin Piatek, Yajaira Rivera, Willard Roberts, Edward Strasz, Christopher Swallick, Thor Vasquez and Nicolino Vaticano.

Local Latino College Students Participate In Internship Program

AREA—Thirty-four Latino college students from across New Jersey have been selected to participate in a summer internship and leadership program sponsored by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs' Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development

Jonathan Cruz of Avenel; Orfelina De Leon and Lynette Dortrait, Jenny Navarro-Chauca and Yasser Serulle, all of Perth Amboy; John L. Moreno of South Amboy; and Juan Ocampo of Edison.

The Hispanic Interns in Community Service Program offers Latino college students an opportunity to enrich their college experience by exposing those students to career opportunities in state government and the private sector. A companion program, called the Latino Leaders Fellowship Institute, provides weekly seminars that helps prepare, motivate and empower them for professional positions in public service as well as in positions of leadership.

"One of the unique elements of

this internship is the way it combines work experience with training in leadership," said Department of Community Affairs Director Susan Bass Levin. "Our students gain valuable, real world experience. But more than that, they'll learn the skills of leadership—consensus building, conflict resolution, negotiation."

More than 350 Latino college students have participated in the internship program since its creation in 1988.

"The greatest joy I have experienced in my career has been seeing the future leaders of the Latino community and the state gain experience and confidence that will lead to their individual growth and development, and to the collective empowerment of our community," said Angie Armand, executive director of DCA's Center for Hispanic Policy, Research and Development. "This year's class of interns, like those in the past, are young, gifted and Latino and I am certain that they will leave a positive mark on our society."

Rainbow Academy Child Care Centers

AREA — In November 1997, Rainbow Academy for Preschoolers, Inc., opened at 23 Gills Lane, Iselin, in the immediate vicinity of MetroPark 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 sys-

tem 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.

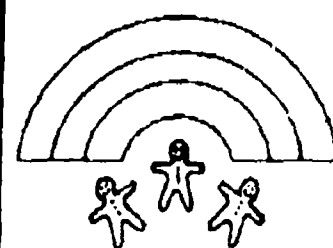
Rainbow Academy's program has been developed to fit the needs of today's active families. They strive to provide children

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 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.

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Rainbow Academy provides a comprehensive look at its services, philosophy, curriculum and facilities on its web site www.rainbowacademy.com



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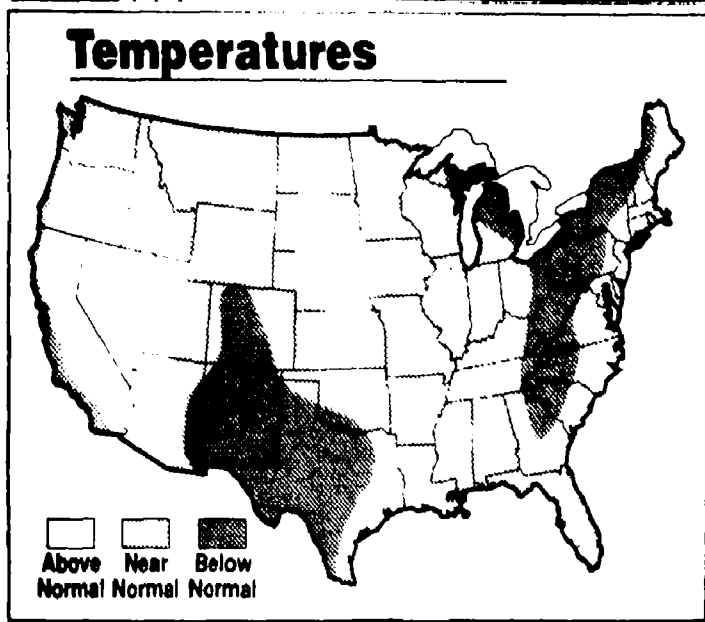
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny and pleasant.	A starlit sky and cool.	Mostly sunny.	A good deal of sunshine.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Cloudy and humid.	A few t-storms later.	A good deal of sunshine.
80	59	82/63	84/65	86/69	81/71	85/64	84/65

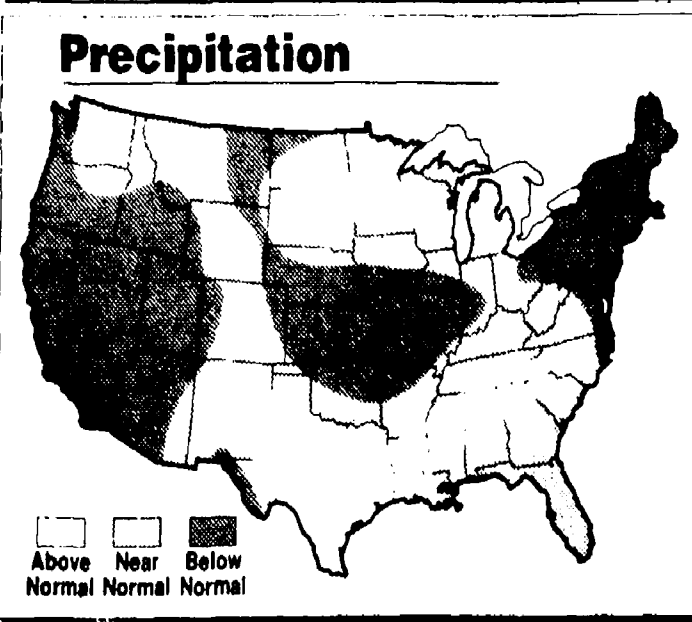
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

After a warm start, cool Canadian air will engulf much of the East. Very warm and dry weather will continue in the West with some areas averaging 8 to 12 degrees above normal. Wet weather primarily will affect the Gulf Coast states.

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	70	pc	86	70	t	86	69	t	87	70	t
Boston	78	60	s	80	64	s	82	64	s	82	63	pc
Chicago	80	60	s	84	64	pc	82	64	t	78	58	c
Cleveland	78	58	s	80	60	s	82	62	pc	82	62	pc
Denver	90	58	pc	90	60	s	92	62	s	92	62	s
Des Moines	82	61	c	86	63	c	86	66	pc	83	59	pc
Detroit	80	58	s	80	62	pc	82	64	pc	81	64	c
Houston	94	74	pc	94	74	t	92	75	t	94	74	t
Indianapolis	82	62	s	81	64	s	84	66	s	83	65	pc
Kansas City	82	62	pc	82	66	pc	86	68	pc	87	66	c
Los Angeles	96	66	s	96	66	s	98	65	s	90	63	pc
Miami	90	78	pc	90	78	c	91	79	c	91	75	c
Minn.-St. Paul	78	62	pc	82	64	pc	84	64	t	82	60	pc
New Orleans	91	78	pc	91	77	pc	90	76	sh	91	74	t
New York City	80	64	s	82	68	s	84	68	s	86	70	s
Omaha	82	62	pc	86	66	pc	90	68	pc	86	61	pc
Phoenix	109	88	pc	107	86	pc	107	84	pc	105	82	pc
San Francisco	78	57	pc	76	56	pc	76	58	s	74	56	pc
Seattle	80	56	s	80	56	s	75	56	s	75	51	pc
Washington	82	66	s	84	68	pc	86	70	c	87	75	c

SUN & MOON

Sunrise		Sunset	
Thu.	5:36 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	
Fri.	5:37 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	
Moonrise		Moonset	
Thu.	6:36 a.m.	9:55 p.m.	
Fri.	7:48 a.m.	10:35 p.m.	
Moon Phases			
New	First	Full	Last
July 10	July 17	July 24	Aug 1
Weather (W)			
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.			

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	63	49	pc	64	54	pc	66	60	r	70	62	c
Berlin	69	56	sh	68	55	pc	77	58	pc	79	58	s
Buenos Aires	52	41	c	55	39	pc	56	41	pc	60	43	pc
Cairo	99	69	s	97	69	pc	98	69	s	96	70	s
Jerusalem	84	57	s	81	57	s	80	58	s	82	58	s
Johannesburg	63	35	s	66	33	s	65	34	s	63	38	s
London	63	51	pc	64	55	r	69	53	c	72	56	pc
Madrid	87	56	pc	90	56	pc	81	52	pc	81	50	s
Mexico City	76	58	c	68	62	r	69	60	r	72	61	r
Moscow	90	67	pc	89	68	pc	87	68	pc	85	66	pc
Paris	61	48	pc	60	58	sh	66	48	c	63	54	c
Rio de Janeiro	70	63	pc	73	61	r	68	53	s	67	55	s
Rome	79	56	s	82	59	s	80	60	s	74	56	pc
San Juan	90	76	pc	90	75	pc	89	75	pc	87	75	c
Seoul	85	74	pc	87	75	pc	87	74	c	89	76	c
Sydney	63	42	s	62	43	pc	64	38	s	59	39	s
Tokyo	86	69	pc	83	74	pc	86	76	pc	86	78	c
Toronto	72	50	s	72	52	c	78	54	pc	79	61	pc
Winnipeg	71	50	pc	75	54	pc	73	44	pc	64	44	c
Zurich	64	48	c	74	54	pc	77	58	c	66	61	r

July 30 at 9:30 a.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to the Hawaiian Luau at Jefferson House, Lake Hopatcong. This trip includes a boat ride and costs \$46 per person. All trips leave from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations.

August 14 at 8:30 a.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to Smithville for a lunch, show and shopping, also Taj Mahal Casino (4 hour) package. The bus departs from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. Cost is \$45. Make checks payable to Holy Family Holy Name Society. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations.

Sept. 9-13 — Connie O'Donnell, experienced tour leader, and Sr. Susan McGrath invite you to beautiful Cape Cod and the Irish Village. Take a boat ride to Martha's Vineyard, tour the Seashore Conservatory, Province Town, the Kennedy Library and Plymouth Rock. Tour Price: \$375.00 per person/double occupancy includes four dinners and four breakfasts. (Price does not include tips). For further information and reservations call (732) 442-7688.

Sept. 18 at 12 noon—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to see "Lion King" in New York with dinner later. The bus departs from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret at 12 noon. The cost is \$130 per person. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations.

Oct. 11 at 8:30 a.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to Platzl Brauhaus "Oktoberfest." (calendar continues on page...17)

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Balanced Budget Increases Property Tax Relief And Restores Fairness

STATE—Reinforcing his commitment to a state budget that is fiscally responsible, Gov. James E. McGreevey welcomed the "adoption of legislation to restructure the State's corporate business tax."

"This legislation will necessarily ensure that major corporations pay their fair and equitable share of taxes to our state," explained McGreevey.

"As of today, there is tax equity. For too long, certain major corporations were only paying \$200 per year - less than middle-class New Jersey families.

Middle-class families in the past 20 years have paid more in income taxes and sales taxes while, in actual dollars, businesses have been paying less. That is unacceptable."

"Today, there was only one objective: to fix the Corporate Business Tax, to close woeful loopholes, and ensure a balanced, fair, and equitable business tax. Today, we have accomplished that end."

"I want to express my gratitude to Senate Co-Presidents Codey and Bennett for returning to Trenton and securing adoption

of the corporate business tax legislation," McGreevey said.

Although faced with a \$6 billion budget deficit, the Governor was also able to fulfill his commitment not to balance the budget on the backs of New Jersey's hard working families and his promise not to raise income or sales taxes.

"We are fulfilling our moral and constitutional obligation to enact a balanced budget that is fiscally responsible," McGreevey said. "This budget will put the state back on sound financial footing." The \$23.4 billion spend-

ing plan is based on core principles: providing New Jersey's children with a top quality education; investing in economic development and infrastructure to position New Jersey for the future; and ending the days of reckless spending and borrowing by adopting a budget that is fiscally responsible and shrinks the size of government.

The adopted budget represents a less than one percent increase over the adjusted FY 2002 budget. Essential spending increases include increased funding for Homestead Rebates, homeland

security initiatives, the program that freezes senior property taxes, staffing at state institutions that were threatened with a loss of federal funds, court-mandated education funding and contractually required employee expenses.

In order to afford increased costs in these areas, significant cuts were made to state operations. There are reductions in the budget of nearly every state department, and the budget provides for a state workforce that will be approximately 1,000 employees smaller.

Cerebral Palsy League Seeks Donors For Gift Auction

AREA — The Cerebral Palsy League will be sponsoring a Gift Auction on Oct. 27 from 1-5 p.m. at the Westwood in Garwood. Donations in the form of gift certificates for services, items for "theme baskets" or cash donations are currently being sought.

The proceeds for "Reach for the Stars" Gift Auction will go towards the provision of services for the developmentally disabled. The not-for-profit agency, with facilities in Union and Cranford, will recognize all donors in a program to be distributed on the day of the event.

To make a donation, which is tax deductible as allowable, or discuss other ways of supporting this event, call Melissa Traveres, (908) 709-1800, ext. 115.

The Cerebral Palsy League is a non-profit agency with locations in Cranford and Union and is dedicated to those with developmental disabilities. Programs include specialized schools, early intervention, childcare and an adult vocational center. Last year, CPL provided services to 225 individuals from Union County and the surrounding areas.

Always Check For ID Badges

AREA—Residents should always ask to see an identification badge when visited by someone claiming to be an employee of Elizabethtown Gas Company, the company reminded the public recently. All Elizabethtown Gas employees and its contractors carry ID badges they either wear on their uniform or will gladly show upon request.

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS**GUEST COLUMN****How To Decide
When You Should Retire**

by Dennis Mass,
Social Security Manager,
Elizabeth, NJ

One of my favorite old sayings is one that I'm sure you know, too: "The devil is in the details."

Ain't it always so? Whether it's working on a home improvement project or on your financial plans, it's nailing down the details that can be frustrating.

Take retirement. Most folks reach a point where they know they want to retire: the kids are gone, the mortgage is paid

down (if not off) and they no longer look forward to the 9 to 5 life. If they're lucky and they've put a little money aside, they may decide the time is near for taking the gold-plated watch from the folks at the office and spending afternoons on the golf course or in the garden.

But then there's those nagging details: should I retire this year, next year, or the year after that? Will I have enough money coming in? And what about health care?

Well, the Social Security

Administration is always happy to help people work through those issues. For example, most folks know that they can retire as early as age 62 and take a reduction in their monthly retirement benefit payments of 20 or more percent. And they know they can wait until their full retirement age and get unreduced benefits. But they don't always know what is the right choice?

We explain that the right choice is whatever is right for them. We show how much their benefits would be reduced and remind them that the reduction is permanent. But we also point out that if they choose to retire early, they'll be getting benefits over a longer period of time. A person whose health is not good may decide that the early ben-

efits are best for them.

Our experts tell us that during the last 20 years or so, most folks chose to retire sometime between 63 and 64. But every choice is a personal one, and a different one.

A person who is unsure about the decision to quit work may decide to wait. Some folks don't have hobbies, or other retirement plans, and might be all but lost without work. And we always point out that at full retirement age, they can get their benefits and still work.

How about those other questions about how much money you'll have? And health benefits? Social Security has a great calculator on our website www.ssa.gov/planners that helps people work through what they'll be

getting from Social Security, and we connect to another site that helps calculate pension and savings income.

As to health benefits, if workers can't carry their employer's health insurance into retirement, then we always point out that Medicare doesn't usually kick in until age 65. That means that they should make other plans for health coverage until they become eligible for Medicare.

So here's the bottom line for anyone even thinking about retirement: give us a call, or visit our office or website. Social Security representatives want to be sure that people know as much as possible about the details when it's time to make one of life's big decisions.

Unity Bank Appoints Kari Nicol To Head Up New Department

AREA — Anthony J. Feraro, President, Unity Bank, announced the appointment of Kari Nicol as Manager of the Bank's new Corporate Relations department.

Feraro said: "Corporate Relations will be charged with reaching out to the Bank's corporate clients to ensure their satisfaction with our services as well as identifying further needs that we might address. We are delighted to welcome Kari Nicol to the Unity team in this important new position."

Nicol says that she offer business customers an opportunity to explore the full range of Unity Bank's financial serv-

ices in a relaxed and unpressured atmosphere.

Explained Nicol, "I plan to visit our current business account holders. During a meeting, I might learn that the client could use a cash infusion in order to update equipment. I would then talk with the individual about loan options. When we determine the most appropriate product, I will provide a preliminary application form then and there. When I return to the Bank, I will speak to one of our Loan Officers, and he or she can get ready to conclude the formalities with the client."

"On the other hand, if I learned that a client was not

completely satisfied with Unity for some reason, my function would be crucial—to meet with the right people at the Bank to see what we could do to improve the relationship."

Nicol, who has ten years' background in marketing, sales, management and customer service, has a great deal of enthusiasm for her new position. "It's going to allow me to help the Bank as well as our corporate clients," she explained. "I'll be serving as a kind of picture window onto Unity Bank as a whole."

Unity Bank has been on the move of late. In recent weeks, the Bank has reported a dra-

matic financial turnaround for first quarter earnings and an acquisition in Middlesex County.

The new department, Corporate Relations, is intended partly to help maintain the friendly, neighborhood relationships that are Unity's trademark as the Bank continues to grow in size and holdings.

Kelly Stashko, Senior VP, Marketing, says the Bank has more news coming, too. "Very soon now, we're going to roll out our new Merchant Card Service for clients who accept credit card payments from customers. Then, later in the year, we will offer a Visa CheckCard to business clients, which is a

convenience that clients have been requesting." Stashko noted that Nicol will be involved in introducing both products.

"We are customer-centered in everything that we do," concluded Feraro. The Corporate Relations Department forms a whole other layer of protection and service for business account holders."

Unity Bank is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Unity Bancorp, Inc., and has served New Jersey since 1991. Unity Bank provides a full range of commercial and retail banking services through twelve Retail Financial Service Centers across Central New Jersey.

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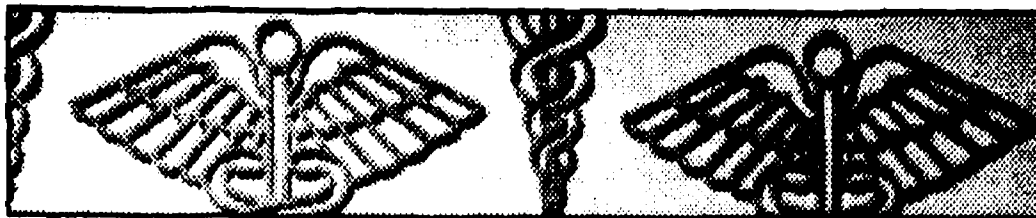
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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

JFK Medical Center Offers Innovative Treatment For Facial Pain

EDISON—For individuals with chronic facial pain, something as simple and routine as brushing teeth, putting on make-up or even a slight breeze can trigger an attack of intense proportions. Fortunately, new therapies now in use at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center are helping many people with the disorder to find relief from this sharp, electric-like pain on the face.

"This debilitating disorder can now be treated non-invasively with the innovative Gamma

Knife radiosurgical technology, only available in the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center," says Joseph Landolfi, D.O., a neuro-oncologist with the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute. According to Dr. Landolfi, the pain can occur in one or more divisions of the trigeminal nerve, which carries sensation of the face to the brain. And while pain lasts only seconds, it can be severe and repeated attacks are common among sufferers.

"The cause is not yet clear, but it usually occurs in middle to late life and vascular lesions and tumors have been found in some patients," explains Landolfi. "The Gamma Knife uses finely focused Gamma rays to perform the equivalent of a surgical procedure without the need to make a single incision."

The Gamma Knife projects its 201 very fine beams of Gamma rays — generated by radioactive cobalt — through the skull and brain. The dose of radiation along any one beam is

too small to do any harm by itself, but at the point where all 201 beams intersect, a very high dose of radiation can be given with little or no damage to surrounding tissue. In treating trigeminal neuralgia, the Gamma Knife is focused on the root of the trigeminal nerve, to relieve facial pain.

The Gamma Knife offers an exciting and promising new treatment for facial pain sufferers. "At the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute, we currently recommend the Gamma Knife

as the surgical treatment of choice if medical treatment of trigeminal neuralgia fails," says Dr. Landolfi. "There's no cutting, no anesthesia required, no blood loss and no risk of infection. The Gamma Knife is truly an innovative technology to bring comfort to those who suffer from this chronic disorder."

For more information about the Gamma Knife, contact the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center at (732) 321-7950.

UMDNJ Graduates 1,200 Health Care Professionals

HOLMDEL—The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) will award 1,200 professional degrees and certificates to the largest class in its history on Wednesday, May 22 at 10 a.m. at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel.

UMDNJ will present honorary degrees to Dr. Stanley S. Bergen, Jr., president emeritus of

UMDNJ, who will also present the keynote address during commencement ceremonies; Dr. Louis Sullivan, president of Morehouse College and former secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; and Dr. Anne Brooks, medical director of the Tutewiler Clinic, a primary care clinic in the Delta region of rural Mississippi, one

of the most economically depressed areas of the country.

In addition to four honorary degrees, the University will be presenting distinguished alumni citations to four UMDNJ graduates. They are:

- Dr. Frederick F. Buechel, a member of the Class of 1971 of UMDNJ-NJ Medical School and an internationally recognized orthopedic surgeon and co-developer of the New Jersey knee;
- Dr. Cosmo V. DeSteno, a member of the Class of 1960 of

UMDNJ — New Jersey Dental School and a nationally recognized expert in prosthodontics, who has been a member of the faculty for more than 30 years and is also associate dean for clinical affairs;

- Sue Lachenmayer, M.P.H., a 1997 graduate of the New Jersey Graduate Program in Public Health, immediate past president of the New Jersey Society for

Public Health and a trustee of the national Society for Public Health Education; and

- Dr. Donald J. Rose, a 1980 graduate of the UMDNJ — Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, director of the Harkness Center for Dance Injuries at the Hospital for Joint Diseases in New York City and a member of the faculty at New York University Medical School.

Charles E. Gregory Nursing Graduates In Demand

OLD BRIDGE — The administration and faculty of The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing at Raritan Bay Medical Center were pleased to award nursing diplomas to 31 men and women at commencement exercises on June 13 in Perth Amboy. Barbara Tofani, RN, MSN, AOCN, director of The Center for Nursing and Health Careers, New Jersey Hospital Association, was the commencement speaker.

Graduate Kathie Nolte addressed the crowd as a representative of the class of 2002, commenting, "We each leave this room tonight by taking our first step into the future. We understand that learning never stops and that our time at

Charles E. Gregory has put us on a path to success."

The Charles E. Gregory School of Nursing diploma curriculum is a 30-month program emphasizing academic work and clinical study, preparing students to take the state licensing examination to become registered nurses. A 17-month Career Ladder program prepares licensed practical nurses to become registered nurses.

The academic program centers on biological and behavioral sciences, while the clinical experience studies all nursing disciplines including medical/surgical, maternal/child care, psychiatry, intensive care and cardiac care.

Among the graduates were: Diana Acevedo and Rachel Torres both of Perth Amboy; Danielle Nicole Borawski of Fords; Liz Regina Santoni-Brown of Avenel; Maria Liza de la Calzada and Claire Ann Distefano both of Carteret; Marie Betty Faustin Duchard and Amanda Szemborski, both of Edison; Tiffany Fenton and Gladys Marie Jean Toussaint both of South Amboy; Ann Lewis of Parlin; Teresa Eleanor Lucadano of Sayreville; and Jwani Shah of Iselin.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

STRANGE but True

By Samantha Weaver

- Susan B. Anthony, the famed suffragist, tried to vote in the presidential election of 1872. She was fined \$100 for her audacity.

- Ninety percent of New York City's cab drivers are recently arrived immigrants.

- You've probably seen Disney's movie "Fantasia" — it's a classic of the animation art. But in the part referred to as "The Sorcerer's Apprentice," do you know the name of the sorcerer? It's Yen Sid — "Disney" spelled backward.

- Studies show that, on average, people fear spiders more than they fear death.

- Only one person in 2 billion will live to be 116 or older.

- Before Edgar Allen Poe became a famous author of the macabre, he was kicked out of West Point for showing up to a public parade totally nude, save for his white belt and gloves.

- We get our modern word

"sarcophagus" from the ancient Greeks. They made coffins of a type of limestone that was thought to speed up decomposition. They called this sort of coffin a "sarkophagos," from "sark," which means "flesh," and "phagos," which means "to eat" — literally, "flesh-eating stone."

- Elephants are the only animals that can't jump.

- The first cannons were made by bell makers.

- It was George Jean Nathan who observed, "What passes for women's intuition is nothing more than men's transparency."

- In 10 minutes, a hurricane releases more energy than all the world's nuclear weapons combined.

- The sun isn't on fire — it just looks that way. What appear to be flames shooting away from it are actually just bright flashes of hydrogen gas.

Thought for the Day: "It is inaccurate to say I hate everything. I am strongly in favor of common sense, common honesty and common decency. This makes me forever ineligible for any public office." — H.L. Mencken

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TERRIBLE DATING Trips

Would You Like a Massage?

I met the man I will call "Hands" in a coffee shop one Sunday afternoon. My prior date had been a success (if we overlook the excessive body hair), but I was convinced he was not Mr. Right. Thus, I was optimistic that affinity was right around the corner. "Hands" lived five minutes away. Could I be so lucky?

Because he was the Director of a Respiratory Unit at a local hospital, apparently "Hands" was also a man of high moral fiber. Besides intelligence, this date of mine had an incredible physique! The thought of a sensuous massage with this man was not aversive at all. Hey, when someone doesn't make me nauseous, he's a good date!

As my date was sharing information about his job, he flippantly mentioned that some people are troublemakers. I agreed. You see, some female troublemaker at work



had filed a sexual harassment suit against him! I have no information to share about the outcome of that case, but I would like to make an educated guess. At that point, my look changed from transfixed to bewildered. Yet, I didn't feel that the date was a total washout, and if we had ended our date at that point, perhaps I would have experienced a second date.

Apparently, "Hands" had a run-in with a would-be thief in Texas. He told me, "The guy came at me with a knife, but NO WAY was I going to let him get my wallet!" At this point, I'm thinking, "Wow, a REAL MAN who would be willing to risk his life for what is right!" I was so impressed with his act of bravery. "So," he says, "when the guy turned his head, I sucker punched him in the neck, and he fell to the ground, unconscious." I might have believed then that Mr. Right was Mr. Exaggeration,

but what he told me next eradicated that thought— Mr. Right was Mr. NUTS!

While the would-be assailant was unconscious, Mr. Nuts had an epiphany! In his words, he decided, "He's not going to ever do this to another person again. I'm going to get into my truck and run over his hands." RED FLAG, RED FLAG! This guy is the director of a department at a hospital? Maybe he's just the benevolent type, drumming up extra business?

Anyway, the victim/attacker started convulsing, so "Hands" decided that he shouldn't run over the guy's hands. Instead, he went into a convenience store and told them they probably should call 9-1-1. What a guy!

So, "Hands" is infamous in my eyes for a reason I did not wish to uncover. We did not speak for a few days, but then one day he sent me an email and asked me to go to Branson for the weekend. WHAT? Maybe he confused my look of disgust with a look of interest? After all, emotions are hard to read. There was only one emotion I experienced at the end of that date -- FEAR!! The sad part is that "Hands" would turn out to be one of my least memorable dates.

Nation's Largest Stamp Show

ATLANTIC CITY—The nation's largest philatelic event, the APS Stamp Show, will be held in the Atlantic City Convention Center, Thursday, Aug. 15-Sunday, Aug. 18. Admission is free and the show is open to the public.

The APS Stamp Show will feature 160 dealers, two auctions, 135 meetings and seminars and opportunities to buy stamps valued at one cent to more than \$100,000. There will be four first days of issue stamps.

Seminars will focus on topics such as "The Autograph Detective-Uncovering Phonies, Fakes & Forgeries," "How to Participate in a Stamp Auction for Buyers and Sellers," and "Stamp Boxes: What Are They?" Specific groups of stamp enthusiasts, such as the International Society of Worldwide Stamp collectors, will conduct meetings during the show.

Beginner and youth collectors are welcome, with a special booth for new collectors at the

entrance of the show. On Saturday, April 17, there will be a special program for adult beginners that requires a small fee for supplies (\$10 for APS members or their spouses or \$15 for non-members). Attendance is limited and pre-registration is required.

Door prizes will be given throughout the show. There will be a free Gund Teddy Bear awarded to the first 500 attendees presenting a receipt showing a purchase of \$10 or more from the USPS retail area at the show.

Show hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursday-Saturday and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call (814) 237-3803, ext. 218, e-mail stampshow@stamps.org or visit www.stamps.org/directories/dir-StampShowintro.htm.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Diverse August Festivals Will Culminate With Last Bash Of Summer

JACKSON—The massive 10-week "Summer of Festivals" series at Six Flags Great Adventure will culminate in August with Asian, Italian, Latin and End-of-Summer festivals. All entertainment is free with park admission.

Asian Festival—July 31–August 4

The Asian Festival will bring together the cultures of China, Japan, Korea and the Philippines. Lion dancing, Filipino candle dancing, Japanese lantern and plate making, along with fashion shows and cultural displays, will fill the festival area throughout the week.

Specialty foods like iced Korean cucumber soup, moon cakes and shochu will be featured, as well as Asian foods more popularly recognized by Americans like sweet and sour pork, garlic chicken, almond cookies and saki.

While Asian entertainment will perform daily on the festival stage, a concert featuring Nashville superstar Trace Adkins and country's brightest new addition Jamie O'Neal will conclude the week's activities in the Northern Star Arena August 4 at 7 p.m.

Italian Festival—August 7–11

Venetian mimes, a Fountain of Trevi replica, towering columns and strolling musi-

cians will transport guests to Italy during this five-day celebration. Festival area entertainment will include grape stomping, pasta eating and pizza tossing contests, jugglers, wine tasting, and outdoor merchants selling cameos, paintings, cheeses and more. Traditional Italian singing duos, bands and dance groups will perform daily on the festival stage.

The savory Italian menu will include chicken cacciatore, sausage and peppers, stuffed eggplant, bruschetta, biscotti, cannoli, ricotta cheesecake, pasta salads and of course, Italian ice.

The Italian Festival will conclude August 11 with a concert by Newark NJ native Frankle Valli. "Sherrrie," "Rag Doll," "Big Girls Don't Cry," "Can't Take My Eyes Off You" and the soundtrack from "Grease" are just a few of the mega-hits generated throughout Valli's 40-year career. The 7 p.m. concert is free with park admission.

Latin Festival—August 14–18

The first thing Guests will experience as they enter the festival area is the sound of upbeat, rhythmic music. A celebration of music and culture from Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Mexico and Peru will transport guests into a festive, family entertainment. Guests can watch the La

Mega radio dancers and native island dancing, listen to cultural music, witness Azteca Indians performing rituals in native costumes or join in salsa and merengue lessons.

Latin dishes like carbonada criolla, churros, empanadas, enchiladas, sweet potatoes with lime plantains will be featured, along with sangria, El Presidente beer and classic margaritas.

End of Summer Festival—August 21–25

As the sun sets on the summer of 2002, this festival blasts-off with games, music and fun. The event launches with Sports Illustrated Kids "No Limits Road Trip 2002 Tour" August 21 and 22.

Guests can also experience back-to-school fashion shows, radio station-sponsored activities and music, interactive exhibits from Court TV, daily child fingerprinting by the Ocean County Sheriff's Department and an appearance by Nickelodeon's extremely popular *SpongeBob SquarePants* August 24.

The food complimenting this festival will include traditional American fare and snack foods like Buffalo-style chicken wings, loaded potato skins, roasted peanuts, hot dogs, submarine sandwiches, popcorn, Cracker Jacks, peach cobbler and apple pie.



HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You clever Ewes and Rams love nothing more than to rise to a challenge. So, by all means, if you feel sure about your facts, step right up and defend your side of the issue.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You've done some great work recently. Now it's time to reward yourself with something wonderful, perhaps a day at a spa or a night out with someone very special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You love to talk, but don't forget to make time to do a little more listening, otherwise you could miss out on an important message someone might be trying to send you.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your aspect indicates some uncertainty about one of your goals. Use this period of shifting attitudes to reassess what you really want and what you're ready to do to get it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your social life is picking up, and you'll soon be mingling with old friends and making new ones. But 'twixt the fun times, stay on top of changing workplace conditions.

VIRGO (August 23 September 22) A trusted friend offers understanding as you vent some long-pent-up feelings. Now, move on from there and start making the changes you've put off all this time.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might well feel uneasy as you face a difficult situation involving someone close to you. But you know you're doing

the right thing, so stick with your decision.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You're a good friend to others. Now's the time to allow them to be good friends to you. Rely on their trusted advice to help you get through an uncertain period.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Family and friends are always important, but especially so at this time. Despite your hectic workplace schedule, make a real effort to include them in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) That project you've been working on is almost ready for presentation. But you still need some information from a colleague before you can consider it done.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Don't let those negative attitudes that have sprung up around you drain your energies. Shrug them off, and move ahead with the confidence that you can get the job done.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Aspects favor some dedicated fun time for the hardworking Piscean. A nice refreshing plunge into the social swim can recharge your physical and emotional batteries.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love to travel and be with people. You probably would be happy as a social director on a cruise ship.

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EDITORIAL



ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
Report
From
Trenton

On May 1, 1971, the Clocker departed New York Penn Station, headed for Philadelphia. This journey marked the first trip of a new national rail system named Amtrak. Amtrak was born out of the ruins of many privately run passenger rail lines. With the growth of the interstate highway system and the increasing economy of air travel, privately run rail passenger service was on the verge of extinction in this country. Amtrak was created so that this nation could continue to have intercity rail travel.

In recent weeks a dangerous game of chicken has been played in Washington between the executives at Amtrak and the Federal Government. This "game" arose out of a conservative agenda which argued that Amtrak must be self sufficient. There are some in Congress who believe that there need not be and should not be any subsidy of national rail passenger service in this nation. They argue that Amtrak should not need any Federal subsidy and the fact that it does is evidence of inefficiency at best or mismanagement at

worst. Amtrak, they say, should be self sufficient.

These conservatives in Congress are ignoring the lessons of history and the reality of intercity rail travel around the globe. The fact is that intercity rail travel is subsidized by national governments in just about every industrialized country. And the fact is that where that subsidy was ended or reduced, such as in Great Britain, rail safety has suffered with tragic consequences. The history lessons couldn't be more clearer. By the last 1960's private railroads couldn't make a go of passenger service. Nothing has changed since then.

Government often runs services that the private sector can't or won't operate. It's not out of charity, but out of a sense of what needs to be provided. Of what makes sense for the public.

Since 1971 Amtrak as grown considerably, now serving more than 500 stations in 46 states. This expanded service allowed more than 23.5 million people to ride Amtrak trains last year, breaking down to roughly 65,000 people per day. Without Amtrak those 23.5 million people would be on the road or in the air, causing considerable more delay for the rest of us.

And a fair number of those 65,000 riders each day are from New Jersey. Trenton remains

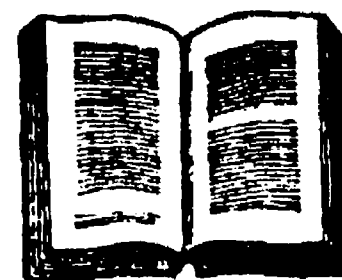
the state capital that receives the most Amtrak service, and three major stations in the state rank in the top ten of the most heavily trafficked stations in the nation. So when officials in Washington threaten to shut down Amtrak, it is our state which stands to suffer the most.

This nation needs national inter-city rail passenger service. Mass transportation is efficient. It is environmentally friendly. And in these days after September 11th, it is a matter of national security. We all remember the shut down of the national air network in the days after September 11th. In a nation where the West Coast was only several hours away by jet, we were for a short time forced to think about the West Coast as our parents or grandparents did. A long way away and not easy to get to. Except for Amtrak. It was the only national transportation network up and running during that crisis. Our nation needs national inter-city rail passenger service as a matter of civil defense and national preparedness.

No one should be fooled by the arguments about efficiency or economy when the discussion is about Amtrak. The proponents of cutting Amtrak's subsidy may be penny wise - but our nation will be a lot poorer for such a pound foolish idea.

We Want To Know!

Should the phrase "Under God" be removed from the Pledge of Allegiance? Go to www.new-jersey.ws and **Vote!**



By The Book

by Peter Book

A Special Occasion

One of the most glittering and noteworthy social events of the season was observed recently at the Broadway Inn on Broad Street, Perth Amboy.

The occasion was the 90th birthday of Helen Deliman Murafski. About 120 relatives, friends and well wishers were in attendance to celebrate this milestone in the life of one of the most beloved and dynamic ladies of this community. Shakespeare must have had ladies like her and Cleopatra in mind when he wrote "Age cannot wither nor custom stale her infinite varieties."

Helen is certainly not the usual senior citizen. A human dynamo, she has more energy and spirit than people half her age. She is the widow of Martin Murafski. Martin was one of the nicest and most popular guys I have ever worked with in the local General Cable plant affectionately known as the Cable Works or the immigrant Drutovnya. It was one of the busiest defense plants in World War II. Almost everyone in town worked there at one time or another. Helen and Martin were a great married couple.

Instead of moping around to await the Grim Reaper who eventually comes to all of us, the irrespressible and unsinkable Helen determined to live life to the fullest. Dum vivimus, vivamos (Latin; while we are living, let us live life to the full). Helen is a renowned world traveler. She has been to more and different places than I have, and I am supposed to be some sort of traveler. She has been to Europe a number of times. Israel, Alaska, South America and Antarctica have been visit-

ed by her. As I write this she is spending the week at Wildwood, which she has done for the past quarter century. She has also stated that if she had the chance to go to the moon or to space she would eagerly grab it!

The party at the Broadway Inn was catered by Stalla Giera, another blithe and irrespressible spirit. The food was exquisite ethnic ranging from the ever popular pierogies, stuffed cabbage, kielbassa with sauerkraut, to Italian, Swedish, Hungarian and God knows what else. The guests were from all stages of life. From toddlers to ancients! A lively band played familiar tunes. The accordion player and clarinetist sounded like a full scale orchestra. Especially after downing a few brews! And you should see Helen dance to most of them especially the polkas!

A lifelong member of St. John's Orthodox Church (her uncle Michael Deliman was one of the founders), Helen is also very friendly to other churches and temples. Among the clergymen in attendance at the festivities were Rev. David G. Volk, retired Lutheran minister from Allentown, PA, Rev. Stephen Sedor, retired pastor Emeritis of St. John's Orthodox church in Perth Amboy and Rev. Michael S. Rosco, present pastor of St. John's. Ecumenical Helen lives up to her name!

All in all, it was a grand and glorious celebration of the unsinkable, indomitable and beloved Helen Murafski. A good time was had by all. Nobody got drunk or disorderly! An event to be long treasured and remembered.

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LINT FOR THE BRAIN BY HENRY DAMEN

Blowing Smoke

Remember the tobacco lawsuit? The 1998 Master Settlement Agreement directed \$306 billion into 46 states' coffers over tobacco-related Medicaid expenses. Now the Investor Responsibility Re-search Center (IRRC) reports that Texas, Connecticut, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, West Virginia and North Carolina are investing some of their tobacco settlement in get this tobacco stocks. This is a huge "See I told you so," guys! These states are pushing money back into the companies they shook down! Blair Horner of the New York Public Interest Research Group complains: "We think tobacco is a uniquely bad investment, a uniquely risky investment...besides being evil." Not so risky, however. Though

most stocks took a beating the last two years, "the tobacco companies were setting new records in terms of revenues, profits," says Bob Levy of the Cato Institute. Even after pumping billions into the states, tobacco companies are still making buckets of bucks. And by pumping tobacco dollars back into tobacco, the state treasuries are insuring a rich cash flow for years to come. Just what I always knew guys: This was never about health. It was always about the money.

and then there's...

Only In California

Sausalito, Ca. residents voted down a proposal to construct a sorely needed \$7.8 million police and fire building. According to AP Online, critics said the facility would mar the town's upscale

image and "violate its feng shui." For the hopelessly unhip out there (and you know who you are), feng shui is the ancient Chinese practice placing objects to generate a positive energy flow. Apparently the new building would clog that up. Fear of faulty feng shui didn't sit to well with the local police. You see, the turndown means the force must continue to inhabit portable trailers that have been in use since 1995, when a flood destroyed their previous building. "We're the only trailer park in Sausalito," says police Capt. Jim Hyatt. You know what I would do if I were Hyatt? The next time I got an emergency call, I'd say, "Sorry can't help you. I'm feeling just to much negative energy, surrounded by this trailer's bad feng shui."

NEWS

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

**Arrests Made At
Massage Parlors**

EDISON—Police arrested five women late last month as part of a continuing investigation of massage parlors.

During a June 28 raid, police discovered "prostitution in progress" at B.T.S. Center on Route 1. Police arrested Flavia Baez, 46 of Newark, and Vanessa Grabias, 25, of Elizabeth. Both were charged with prostitution and released on their own recognizance.

Police charged Michelle Morales, 24, of Keasbey, with failure to obtain a massage license. She was also held for investigation of desertion from the military, police said.

On June 26, police arrested Yudelka Rodriguez, 41, of New York and Martha Hernandez, 41, of Union City, at Sports Massage Institute on Route 27. Police said neither woman had a message therapy license from Edison.

**Rotella To Help
Develop New High School**

PERTH AMBOY—Ben Rotella has been named administrator for the development of the city's new high school. Rotella has served as Perth Amboy High School's principal for 12 years.

Rotella's new job is expected to last about three years, until the new high school is built.

Two other longtime school administrators are also leaving their positions.

The principal of Edward J. Patten School, Henry Hudak, is retiring after 39 years with the district. Replacing him is Joyce DeFeo.

Also leaving is high school math and science supervisor, Pete Anderson.

Rotella will be replaced at the high school by Rozalia Czaban, who currently serves as McGinnis Middle School principal.

Rotella's new job will concentrate on the educational aspects of the new high school. His salary will remain unchanged.

"I'm excited because we'll be involved in a project definitely needed," Rotella said, adding that input is coming from the community, students and staff.

USA Space Achievement Week

EDISON—The Children's Department of the Edison Public Library will celebrate the week of July 15-20 as USA Space Achievement Week. Throughout the week, they will be commemorating the July 20 Moon Landing anniversary by handing out glow-in-the-dark moons and stars.

To celebrate the Space Shuttle, a uniquely American invention,

along with honoring the Edison Public Library's very own astronaut, Mark Polansky who visited with them last summer, they will be giving out Space Shuttle erasers. Celebrations will be held during library hours at the Main Library, the North Edison and Clara Barton branches and on the Bookmobile. For further information, call (732) 287-2351, ext. 3.

**James Madison
Graduates**

METUCHEN—The following students graduated from James Madison University in the Spring Semester of 2002: Jessica Akey and Laura Owens.

James Madison University, founded in 1908 in Harrisonburg in the heart of the beautiful and historic Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, is a public, four-year institution with 15,000 students. JMU annually ranks at the top among regional, comprehensive universities in the South. It is the only university in the nation named for President James Madison.

**Boys Arrested
For School
Vandalism**

SAYREVILLE—On June 30, police arrested 2 boys in connection with vandalism at Wilson School.

The boys, an 11-year-old Sayreville resident and a 13-year-old relative from Queens, were charged with burglary and criminal mischief.

A witness who lives on Hart Street told police that windows were being broken from inside the school building. Police said that the boys ransacked a number of rooms, overturning equipment and breaking windows.

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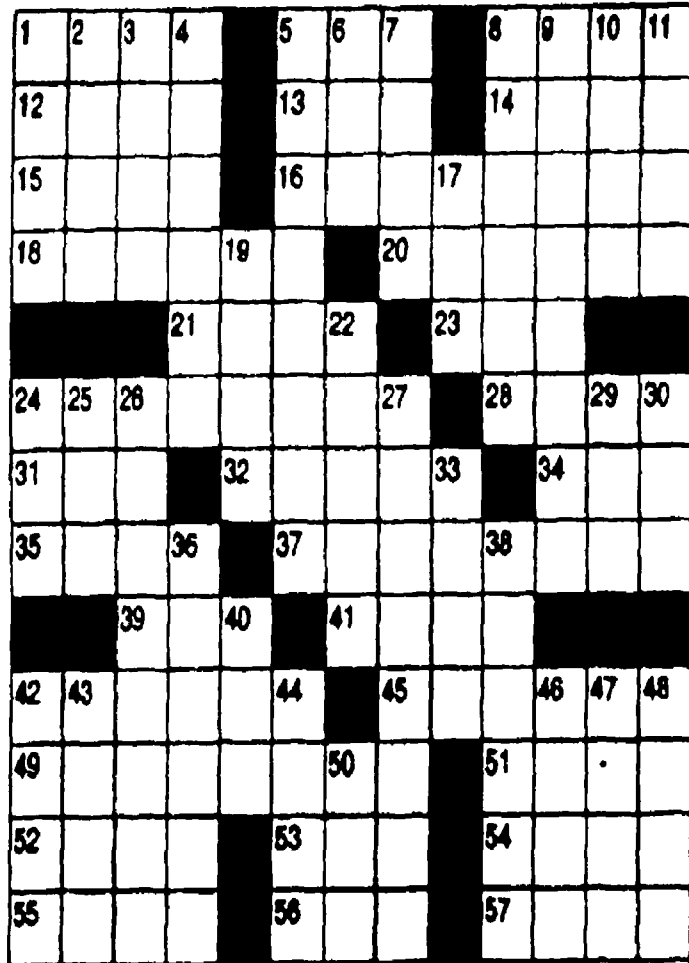
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Guy Du Pre invited Greenlee and Leo to witness the opening of the returned DNA tests. Jackson was puzzled at Erica's reluctance to turn over information about the fire. Later, Aidan sabotaged Trey's attempt to have Kendall arrested, and Ryan surprised everyone by announcing his intentions to marry her. Trey later confessed to Liza that he works for Adam. Tim arrived at Pine Valley Hospital. Edmund brooded over Brooke and Tad being away at the same time. Wait to See: Wolfe refreshes Vanessa's memory.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Aaron confided his feelings to Lily. Brandy gave Marshall important information. Molly made a new friend in New York. Hal told Alison what he expected of her. Rosanna stood up for her man. Wait to See: Aaron defends Lucy. Molly tells Carly about her encounter.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

C.J. was upset to learn that Sally sold Spectra to Ridge. Meanwhile, Bridget and Stephanie delivered Brooke's baby. Afterward, Bridget rejected Brooke's plea for forgiveness

and went home to tell Deacon he's a father — before telling him they were through. Rick begged Amber not to give up on their marriage despite what she may have overheard him say about her being a recovering addict. Thorne had had news about Forrester losing customers to Spectra. Wait to See: Ridge has shocking news for the Forrester team.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Roman confirmed that Andre's body was buried in Aremid. But, without solid bone fragments, there was no way to prove that the ashes Tony turned over were Stefano's. A meteor shower caused a driver (Billie Reed) to lose control of her car. Nicole tried to throw Victor off a cliff, but the meteor distracted her, and she fell, only to be saved by Victor. Craig and Nancy hired a P.I. to search for Chloe's biological father. Belle and Shawn watched as one of the meteors opened, revealing a man and woman inside. Wait to See: John keeps an important truth from Marlena.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Scott saved Lesley Lu from the fire in the attic, which Mac said was set by an arsonist. Alan fumed when he saw Monica flirting with the newly returned Rick. Sonny suspected Carly was lying when she said she quit her job to spend more time with him. As Elizabeth and Zander followed a possible escape route from the crypt, she broke a gas line, further jeopardizing their survival. AJ continued his self-destructive ways. Wait to See: Jason enters the crypt. Laura has disturbing dreams. Roy buys trouble.

GUIDING LIGHT

Alan laid the blame for the upset on Phillip. Ross received a threatening message. Cassie reached out to an unlikely source for help. Once again, the Bauers played host to the Springfield Fourth of July barbecue. Wait to See: Ross asks Blake to make things official. Reva searched for approval from Josh. Bill helps Beth fill in the blanks.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

"Viki" (Niki) schemed to let Ben die from his fall by refusing to allow Larry to perform emergency surgery. Later, Renee walked into Ben's room just as Niki prepared to smother him with a pillow. Meanwhile, Cristian found a message Niki planted in Natalie's computer implicating her in Ben's accident. Keri and Antonio confronted Rae about her past. Todd aimed a rifle at Tea and Ross. Blair went ahead with her plan to seduce Troy. Meanwhile, Troy was recalling painful memories. Wait to See: Todd plans his revenge. Antonio proposes.

PASSIONS

(The soap was pre-empted on Thursday, July 4, and Friday, July 5.)

Brian found something suspicious under the hood of his racing car. Beth's mother interrupted just as Luis was about to propose. Ethan assured a devastated Theresa that somehow he'll save her from being executed in the morning for Julian's murder. Meanwhile, Alistair looked over the death chamber and gave his approval. As Julian and Timmy searched for the Demon's Horn, Julian read about Theresa's fate in a newspaper. On the day of the execution, Father Lonigan warned Theresa to tell the truth for her soul's sake. Wait to See: Toto saves Julian and Timmy. Alistair orders Theresa's body to lie in state at the Crane mansion.

PORT CHARLES

Alison was shocked when Rafe seemed unaware of who she was. Ian was happy to see Kevin back from "Barnadoon." Later, Ian shared good news about Alison's recovery with Kevin and Lucy. Frank came upon a badly beaten man who gave a curious description of his attacker. Later, Victor was attacked and saved by an unlikely hero. Livvie was alarmed when Alison tried to refresh Rafe's memory. Wait to See: Jamal sees a familiar face. Ian catches Kate in a lie.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Diego told Sharon he'll try to distract Victoria from any suspicions she might have about them. Victor was furious to see Max with Nikki. Nikki, in turn, hit him about his visits with his former wives and lovers. Warton saved Billy and Mac from Ralph. Isabella and Michael agreed to keep their shared past a secret from Paul and Chris. Wait to See: Victor and Nikki have a "showdown."

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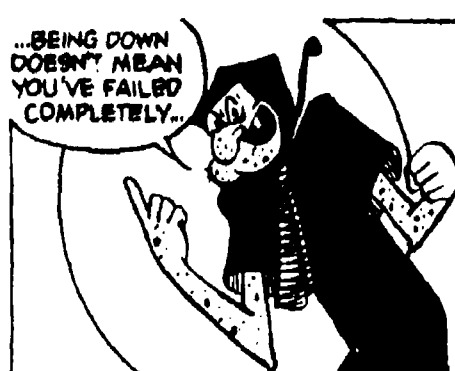
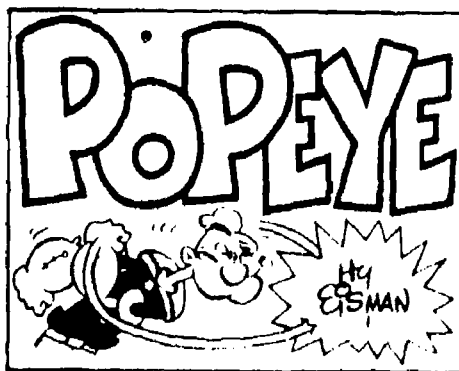
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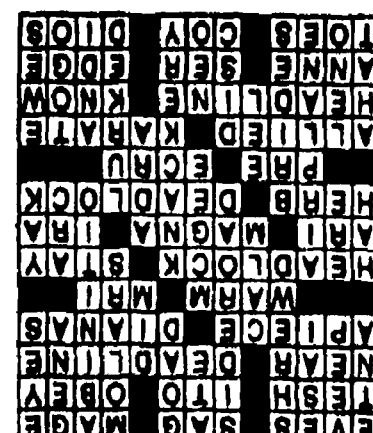
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OBITUARIES
**Carmelo Rodriguez, 80
of Perth Amboy**

Carmelo Rodriguez of Perth Amboy died June 10 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 80.

Born in Guayanilla, Puerto Rico, he lived in Perth Amboy for the past 45 years. He was a kiln operator with Carborundum Corporation in Keasbey for 33 years, retiring 20 years ago. He was a communicant of Holy Trinity R.C. Church in Perth Amboy.

Carmelo was the father of the late Jorge Rodriguez. He is survived by his wife, Milagros (Sepulveda) Rodriguez; and was the father of his seven children: Lydia Alecia and Benjamin, Abner, Victor and Benigno, all of Perth Amboy, Maria Morales of Keasbey and Carmelo of East Brunswick. He was the brother of Esther Santana and Anastacio Lopez, both of Connecticut. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

**Elaine A. Tuite, 61
of Edison**

Mrs. Elaine A. Tuite of Edison died June 11 at home. She was 61.

She was born in Jersey City and lived in Kearny before moving to Edison two years ago.

Surviving are her husband, Bernard J. Sr.; a son, Bernard J. Jr.; a daughter, Katherine Stansen; brothers, William and Howard McGowan; sisters, Katherine Smith and Lorraine Suckiel, and five grandchildren.

**K. Wieczorkowski
of South Amboy**

Mrs. Kathryn (Howley) Wieczorkowski McCosky of South Amboy died June 7 at Bayshore Hospital in Holmdel. She was 81.

Born in South Amboy, she was a lifelong resident.

She was a homemaker.

She was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy.

Her husband, John Wieczorkowski, died in 1941; and three brothers, Nicholas, Thomas and Patrick Howley; and by a sister, Helen Krauss, are also deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Anna Stark of Holmdel, and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

**Grace Poloka, 92
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Grace "Gizella" Poloka died June 18 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 92.

Born in Perth Amboy and lived there all her life.

She was a communicant of Our Lady of Hungary R.C. Church in Perth Amboy and a member of the church's Altar & Rosary Society. She was also a Bingo worker at the church.

Her husband, Andrew, died in 1984. She was also predeceased by a son, Alexander, who died in 1966; a son-in-law, Albert Pescinski, who died in 2001, and by a brother, Joseph Sakmyster.

She is survived by a son, Stephen Poloka, of Perth Amboy; a daughter, Irene Pescinski of Perth Amboy; two grandsons, Stephen and Michael Poloka, and several nieces and nephews.

**Thomas Burda, 72
of Avenel**

Mr. Thomas Burda died June 28 at his home in Avenel. He was 72.

Born in Olyphant, Pa., he resided in Woodbridge before moving to the Avenel section of Woodbridge 29 years ago.

He was employed as a purchasing agent for Merck & Co. in Rahway for 20 years before retiring nine years ago.

Mr. Burda was a communicant of St. Andrew's R.C. Church in Avenel.

He volunteered driving cancer patients and working for Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Burda was an Army Air Corps veteran, serving in the military police during World War II.

His father, Nicholas Burda; his mother, Mary Rinaldi, and a brother, Nicholas Burda, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 29 years, Kathryn (Lemnah) Burda; a step-daughter, Susan Sullivan of Woodbridge; two step-sons, Steven Holcroft, of Emmett, Idaho, and David Holcroft of Avenel; five grandchildren, Robert Holcroft, Nicholas Holcroft, James Holcroft, Nicolette Sullivan and Ashley Sullivan; two sisters, Eleanor Farbanish of Vestal, N.Y., and Frances Hughes of New London, Pa., and his step-mother, Esther Burda of New London, Pa.

**Walter Gawroriski
of Perth Amboy**

Mr. Walter Gawroriski of Menlo Park (formerly of Perth Amboy), died June 15 at JFK Haven Hospice in Edison. He was 79.

Born in Perth Amboy, he resided at New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park.

He worked for Raritan Copper Works in Perth Amboy as a laborer, retiring at the closing of the plant.

Mr. Gawroriski was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the military police.

Surviving are two cousins, Helen Szymborski of Perth Amboy and Josephine Andersen of South Plainfield.

**Anthony R. Lodato
of Sayreville**

Mr. Anthony R. Lodato of the Melrose section of Sayreville died June 4 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 88.

Born in Newark, he had resided in Elizabeth before moving to Melrose 27 years ago.

Before his retirement 32 years ago, he was employed as an operations manager for 27 years at ABC Freight Forwarding Company in Elizabeth.

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

His first wife, Anna Giordano Lodato, died in 1975; a daughter, Michele Vuocolo Crowley, died in 1990, and a sister, Jeanette Giordano, died in 1991.

Surviving are his wife, Regina (Hearon) Vuocolo Lodato; four daughters, Anna Haynes of Brick, Lucille Jeronimo of East Brunswick, Rosemarie Mangual of Toms River and Margaret Vuocolo of Sayreville; four sons, Thomas Vuocolo of Cliffwood Beach, Christian Vuocolo of Sayreville, Carmine Vuocolo of California and Anthony Vuocolo of South Toms River; a sister, Clara Fulton of Newark; two brothers, Louis and Emil Lodato, both of Kenilworth, 19 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

**Elizabeth North, 75
of Carteret**

Mrs. Elizabeth (Lynam) North of Carteret died June 8 at Genesis Eldercare in Westfield. She was 75.

Born in New York City, she lived in Carteret for 44 years and Port Reading for the past five years.

She worked for Fortunoff in Woodbridge for five years before retiring in 1995.

Ms. North was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Carteret, where she was a eucharistic minister and a member of the Servants of Mary.

Her husband, James L. North, died in 1997, and her sister, Kathleen Weidman, died in 1981.

Surviving are a son, James L. North of Middletown; three daughters, Deborah Porcelli of Plainsboro, Karen Zalewski, and Kathy Schwehr both of Port Reading; and ten grandchildren, Mindy, Matthew, Laura, Allison, Kathleen, Brian, Timmy, Scott, Henry, and Daniel.

**Iwan Kalicun, 86
worked in Carteret**

Mr. Iwan Kalicun of Elizabeth died June 26 at home. He was 86.

Born in Ukraine, he moved to Elizabeth 50 years ago.

Mr. Kalicun worked at Carteret Metal and Refinery, Carteret, for many years before retiring 24 years ago.

Surviving are a son, Michael; a daughter, Mary Robinson; a sister, Irene Mackowsky; two grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

**Anna Carroll, 81
of Iselin**

Mr. Anna (Healy) Carroll died June 27 at Cedar Oaks Care Center in South Plainfield. She was 81.

Born in Newark, and moved to Iselin 55 years ago.

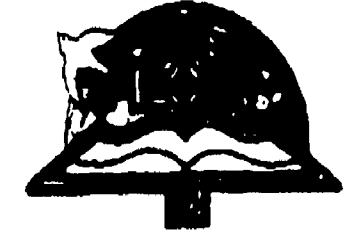
She was a graduate of Barringer Evening High School in Newark.

She started her work career at Purolator Products in Newark, was employed by Lerner's in Menlo Park, and was a meat wrapper for Acme Markets in Port Reading, retiring in 1980.

Mrs. Carroll was a member of the American-Irish Association of Woodbridge, St. Cecelia's Altar Rosary Society and St. Cecelia's Senior Citizens in Iselin, as well as the Iselin Senior Citizens.

Her husband of 35 years, John Carroll, died in 1977; a brother, Kevin Healy, died in 1993, and a sister, Catherine Kearns, died in 1976.

Surviving are three sons, John Michael Carroll of Iselin, Patrick of Readington, Daniel of Marietta, Ga.; her four daughters, Catherine White of Edison, Teri Smith of Browns Mills, Nanci Westlake of Mansfield, Conn., and Mary Monica Carroll of Spotswood; four sisters, Mary Howe of Scotch Plains, Margaret Fich of Denmark, Nora Demelia of Rockville Centre, Long Island, N.Y., and Theresa McKenna of Falls Church, Va.; 11 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.



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By Freddy Groves

A few weeks ago a group of angry American World War II veterans and a number of equally irate citizens of Normandy, in France, joined forces to stop two seafood traders from marketing their mussels under the name "Omaha Beach."

The two fishermen live in the Omaha Beach area (where American troops came ashore during the D-Day invasion) and are planning to create a commercial mussel "farm" or bed on the beach. They also plan to use "Omaha Beach" as the brand name for their seafood — something both the Americans and the Normandians are determined not to let happen.

Both groups consider Omaha Beach hallowed

ground, and as Jean-Marie Oxeant, the mayor of one of the nearby villages, says, the fishermen's plan "has had a massive emotional impact on all of us."

However, someone has reportedly gone online in France to defend the fishermen, pointing out with typical Gallic pragmatism that the soldiers who died on that beach gave their lives to protect basic human freedoms, which would include, he says, "the right to make a lawful living." He says the best way to honor the dead heroes would be to allow this business to proceed.

I would appreciate your comments.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send an e-mail to letters.kfws@hearstsc.com.

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Okuribido Joins U.S. Army

SAYREVILLE Muiyiwa A. Okuribido has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military

training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job speciality.

The recruit qualifies for a \$2,000 enlistment bonus.

Okuribido, a 2002 graduate of Old Bridge Adult High School, will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training.

He is the son of Muiyiwa A. Okuribido of Sayreville and Dorothy Okuribido of Newark.

Laurence Harbor Resident Receives State Award

AREA—On June 7, Laurence Harbor resident Rocco Lanzetti received the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Award for the 1st Quarter.

Brig. General Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, presented Lanzetti with the award during a ceremony at the National Guard Armory in Lawrenceville. Lanzetti serves as a Staff Assistant with the Civil Engineering Squadron, 108th Air Refueling Wing, New Jersey Air National Guard, located at McGuire Air Force Base.

Lanzetti received the award for performing cost estimates that saves the government money by minimizing costly contract change orders, coordinated the use of a civil engineering supply building to increase its utilization and increase its efficiency, as well as managed the design of a

\$260,000 renovation of an existing facility to handle a new mission.

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs which is the state headquarters for both

the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard and responsible for the administration of state veterans programs, has more than 1,500 employees at 60 locations throughout the state.



AWARD WINNER—Brig. General Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General of New Jersey, New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, awards Rocco Lanzetti the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs Award for the 1st Quarter. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Olsen, NJDMAVA/PA.

Louis-Jacques Graduates Signal Support Systems Course

PARLIN—Army Reserve Pvt. Christopher J. Louis-Jacques has graduated from the signal support systems specialist course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga.

The 10-week course teaches skills and knowledge required to provide telecommunications to combat units in field wire construction, tactical radio retransmission and small switchboards,

including telephone procedures and techniques. Other training includes instruction in installation, troubleshooting and minor repair of various field wire equipment and associated communications systems.

Louis-Jacques is the son of Marie and Nemouis Louis-Jacques of Parlin.

He is a 1999 graduate of Old Bridge High School.

Acosta Gets Promoted

WOODBIDGE—Navy Airman Michael J. Acosta, a 1998 graduate of Memdria High School, Woodbridge, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving aboard the multi-purpose

amphibious assault ship USS Wasp, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Acosta was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

Vaidya Graduates Hospital Corps School

COLONIA—Navy Hospitalman Recruit Dharmik A. Vaidya, a 2001 graduate of Colonia High School, recently graduated from the Basic Hospital Corps School at Navel Hospital Corps School, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the 14-week course, Vaidya learned a wide range of medical procedures used to provide first aid and assist Navy doctors and nurses. Vaidya also received an introductory instruction for service in a variety of medical environments, from fleet hospitals and shipboard medical departments to fleet Marine forces and medical administration offices.

Graduates' newly acquired skills and knowledge will enable them to help provide quality health care to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their families. Vaidya's first assignment after school will involve direct patient care, but with his training, Vaidya can work in several areas, including first aid and assisting with minor surgery, pharmacy and laboratory analysis, patient transportation, and food service inspections.

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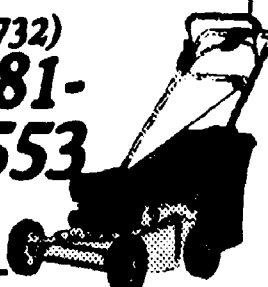
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herein your mother. Oh, Mary,
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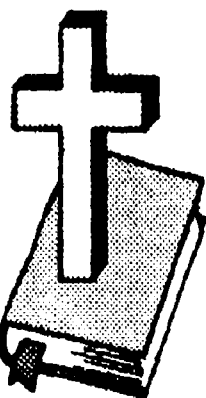
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**South Amboy Summer Ferry Fairs Sizzle**

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Girl Scouts Host "From Footprints To Footlights"

PERTH AMBOY The Girl Scouts of Delaware-Raritan, Inc., will welcome 80 Senior Girl Scouts from throughout the United States for "From Footprints to Footlights," the second run of the successful National Wider Opportunity sponsored first by the Council in 2000. The event is taking place from July 10-21.

These girls will experience the science, nature, entertainment and education available in and around New Jersey. Wider Opportunities are programs, sponsored by various Girl Scout councils, each based on a specific theme. Participants are recommended by their home council and selected

by the sponsoring council. As in the case of "From Footprints to Footlights," most are run by volunteer committees, in our case led by Ann Ellsworth, a long time Girl Scout volunteer and recipient of the Thanks Badge, awarded for outstanding service to the entire council, for her leadership in 2000.

On July 13, the participants will have dinner with local girl scouts at Most Holy Rosary Church, Perth Amboy.

The participants will also enjoy activities such as:

- A visit to Trenton including the State House
- A program at Buehler Science

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- A workshop at Sandy Hook
- A day of fun at Great Adventure
- A Broadway show and a tour of the headquarters of Girl Scouts of the USA
- A tour of the Statute of Liberty and Ellis Island
- A program by our very active Alumni Committee

In honor of the 90th anniversary of Juliette Gordon Low's founding of Girl Scouting in the USA, her great great niece Margot Gordon Iwanchuk, will be part of the Alumni Program. A Cadette Girl Scout Leader from Massachusetts. Ms. Iwanchuk

presents photographs and personal items passed down through her family from those early days.

The eighty participants from "From Footprints to Footlights" have been selected from the 105 applications received from 68 Girl Scouts Councils throughout the United States. To be selected the girls had to demonstrate their interest in this Wider Opportunity's subject. They also had to exemplify the maturity needed to travel alone and live with other Girl Scouts.

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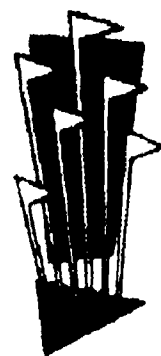
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