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New Walk-In Center To Open In Former Hospital Site

SOUTH AMBOY — Bayshore Insta-Care at South Amboy opened yesterday. The site is located in what was once the emergency room at the former Memorial Medical Center at South Amboy (originally named South Amboy Memorial Hospital). The facility is currently owned by Hillcrest Management and Development Corporation and directed by Drew Piscatelli.

"Professionally, Bayshore Insta-Care is part of Claremont Comprehensive Health Care, LLC, a professional corporation that has adopted a new concept in medical practice based on an integrated delivery system," according to K. George Younan, MD. "In addition to having access to immediate primary care services in the area, patients will have access to a

variety of specialized services. These services will include cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation, sleep disorder studies, asthma, cholesterol control, diabetic counseling, teaching and management and new strategies in treating and controlling hypertension using recently established national criteria and weight control."

The integrated system of spe-

cialists and primary care professionals are teaming up with Bayshore Health Care Management Corporation which will bring to the project the expertise of a hospital based organization. Bayshore Health Care Management Corporation affiliated with Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel will provide management services.

Hours of operation for the center are Monday-Friday, 9

a.m.-7 p.m. and 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Appointments are available, but not necessary. Most insurance plans will be accepted.

Bayshore Insta-Care will hold an Open House on Wednesday, Aug. 14 from 3-7 p.m. The public is invited to tour the facility and meet the staff. Blood pressure screenings, health information, giveaways and refreshments will be available.

Plan To Finance Public Safety Complex Approved

PERTH AMBOY—The New Jersey Local Finance Board has approved the joint application filed by Perth Amboy and the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) to finance the city's \$51.6 million Public Safety/Court/Community Complex. The board unanimously approved the \$43.1 million bond sale application at a July meeting.

"The unanimous decision by the Local Finance Board clearly demonstrates that they recognize the importance of this project, its long-term impact on our residents and our sound financial standing. The board also spoke very highly of our redevelopment plans, which are inter-related with the public safety complex and will secure the future of Perth Amboy," said Mayor Joseph Vas.

The finance application was filed jointly with the county agency because the city intends to conduct the bond sale through the MCIA, which will help secure the best interest rates due to the MCIA's ability to negotiate sales and time the bond issuance to the best market conditions. The MCIA also has the ability to issue flexible financing and bond terms not available to local governments.

The city intends to issue the bonds by the end of September in order to move forward with the construction of the much-needed new facilities. The complex will house the new police, fire and EMS headquarters, along with a municipal court and a community recreation component. In addition to providing state-of-the-art, centrally located facilities to

serve the public, the new complex will also facilitate the city's \$600 million Landings at Harborside redevelopment project.

The new complex will allow the city to relocate the existing public safety facilities located along the waterfront in the area that is slated to be part of the Landings project, ultimately lending itself to the city's goal of increasing its tax base and providing long-term tax stabilization for residents. When the Landings is completed, it is expected to create \$500 million in new tax ratables, approximately \$15 million in annual tax revenue and more than 2,500 new jobs, as well as millions of dollars in business and ancillary benefits to local merchants and the community.

'America's Night Against Crime' In Metuchen

METUCHEN—On Tuesday, Aug. 6, neighborhoods throughout Metuchen are being invited to join forces with thousands of communities nationwide for the 18th Annual National Night Out crime/drug prevention event.

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Aug. 6, residents in neighborhoods throughout Metuchen and across the nation, are asked to lock their doors, turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with neighbors and police.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support and participation in local anticrime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and

police-community relations; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The Metuchen Recreation Commission, the Metuchen Police Department and P.B.A. Local #60, will be leading a walk from the Metuchen Borough Hall, 500 Main St., to the Metuchen Pool, Lake Avenue, for a dip in the pool and a pizza party. They will meet at Senior Center at 6 p.m. to begin the walk. This is a one way walk. Return transportation back to the Senior Center will not be provided at the conclusion of this event, which is 8 p.m.

This event is free to Metuchen residents.

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

American Heart Walk Returns Sept. 29

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — *Step Out, Save Lives!—Strengthen the Chain of Survival!*, urges the American Heart Association's 2002 theme of American Heart Walk, which returns to Middlesex County on Sunday, Sept. 29.

Presented nationally by Subway and Archer Daniels Midland Co., proud makers of the NutriSoy brand, 2002 marks the 11th annual American Heart Walk. More than 25,000 people from throughout New Jersey, including close to 2,000 Middlesex County walk-

ers and volunteers, are expected to *Step Out, Save Lives!—Strengthen the Chain of Survival!* at 13 New Jersey American Heart Walk locations this fall.

The theme of American Heart Walk—*Step Out, Save Lives!—Strengthen the Chain of Survival!*—urges lay people to learn CPR and supports the widespread availability of automated external defibrillators and defibrillator programs.

Cardiovascular disease continues to be the Garden State's No. 1 killer claiming more than 29,000 lives each year. Heart

disease is the number one killer of women here in New Jersey and nationally.

Join survivors, families, friends, company teams and close to 2,000 walkers on Sept. 29 at Middlesex County College in Edison and help fight heart disease and stroke. Middlesex County American Heart Walk raised more than \$196,000 in 2001. People from every town and from all walks of life benefit daily, weekly and monthly from American Heart Walk, the flagship walking and fund-raising event that helped the American Heart

Association invest more than \$382 million in research, public and professional education and community programs last year.

Support the 2002 theme of American Heart Walk by learning CPR and supporting defibrillator programs in your community. According to the American Heart Association, close to 80 percent of cardiac emergencies occur at home. Save the life of someone you love. Early CPR and early defibrillation are the keys to surviving sudden cardiac arrest. For nearly four years the

American Heart Association has advocated that all police, fire and emergency response vehicles and any large public gathering location, such as shopping malls, airports, corporate and industrial sites, golf courses, stadiums and arenas, casinos and senior centers, have automated external defibrillators (AEDs) available.

On Sunday, Sept. 29, *Step Out, Save Lives!—Strengthen the Chain of Survival!* Register your team for Middlesex County American Heart Walk by calling (732) 821-2610.

Rutgers Hosts Top High School Students At Governor's School

NEW BRUNSWICK—For four weeks this summer, 100 of New Jersey's brightest high school seniors got a first-hand look at what it takes to pursue a

career in engineering as they participated in the second annual New Jersey Governor's School of Engineering and Technology, hosted by Rutgers' School of Engineering.

Residing on campus from June 30–July 27, the public- and private-school students, selected from about 300 nominees, immersed themselves in elective courses, laboratory workshops, research projects, tours, trips and colloquium series at levels not normally found in high school or first-

year college courses. Students were nominated for the program by their high school guidance departments and screened by School of Engineering faculty and administration. Tuition was free and funded by the New Jersey Lottery in conjunction with the state Department of Education, and by direct support from business and industry.

Rutgers contributed college facilities, classrooms and administrative support.

"By attending the Governor's School at Rutgers, stu-

dents will experience a world not available in the average classroom," said Donald M. Brown, executive director of the program and School of Engineering associate dean. "Participants will leave the program not only with a thorough understanding of the various engineering disciplines, but also an awareness of the importance that engineering and technology have in their lives, both professionally and personally."

Brown described the students' weekly schedules as

"full and challenging. This way they will become familiar with the rigors, efforts and rewards encountered by students in an engineering curriculum."

Middlesex County students participating in the program include: Nathaniel Kuo, Edison; Alan Liu, Edison; Viral Savalia, Iselin; Vivek Tatineni, East Brunswick; Brian Torgersen, Fanwood; Blase Ur, Edison; Richard Woo, Piscataway; Cecelia Arias, Edison; Jenna Deng, Piscataway; and Martha Kinsella, Highland Park.

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Kiddie Keep Well Camp Receives Grant

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Eleanor Bates, Executive Director of the John E. Toolan Kiddie Keep Well Camp announced that the camp has been awarded a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in the amount of \$337,409.

The camp, which is preparing to open its 79th season, is a

private, non-profit corporation which provides a residential camping experience for up to 700 disadvantaged children from Middlesex County. The campers are aged 6–13 years. "Many of our campers come from homes where there is alcohol or drug abuse and physical violence. Some also have health problems such as

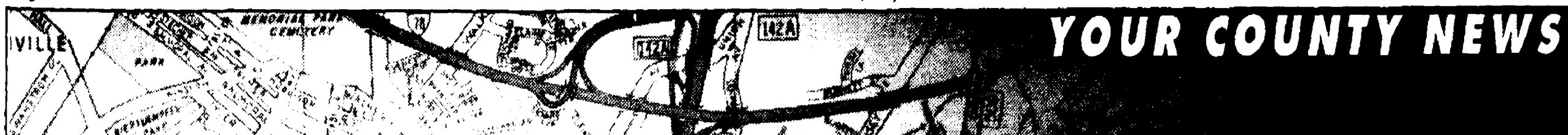
diabetes, asthma and cancer. And many come from good, loving homes where families are extremely limited," Bates said. 98 percent of the campers last year met the federal guidelines for poverty.

Bates went on to say, "The camp program is based on principles of health and wellness. We operate an infirmary, staffed by registered nurses, 24-hours per day. Each child receives a physical examination as well as dental assessment. Problems identified are referred back to school nurses to assure follow-up. The camp provides discussion groups on such things as fire safety, bullying, anger management, self-esteem and nutrition. Campers receive three nutritious meals and a snack each day. This is particularly important in helping children learn healthy

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Allied Health Graduates Presented With Awards

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Forty-nine New Jersey students were honored with awards for academic and clinical excellence at the 22nd annual recognition dinner of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)-School of Health Related Professions.

The 2002 allied health award recipients were among 1,200 graduates who received degrees and certificates on May 22 during UMDNJ's universitywide commencement at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel.

The allied health graduates who received academic and clinical excellence awards are:

Riham Mohamed El Kashif

of Edison, earned an academic excellence award and an associate in applied science (A.A.S.) degree in dental hygiene; Yan Jin of Highland Park, earned an academic excellence award and master of science (M.S.) degree in biomedical informatics; Nelson Quimpo Martinez of Piscataway, earned an academic excellence award and an associate of science (A.S.) degree in respiratory care; Dupree J. McCalla of Piscataway, earned a clinical excellence award and an associate of science (A.S.) degree in psychosocial rehabilitation and treatment; Mary Elizabeth Neary of South River, received an academic excellence award and a

master of science (M.S.) degree in rehabilitation counseling; Lynda Elisa Vallejos of Carteret, received a clinical excellence award and a bachelor of science (B.S.) degree in psychosocial rehabilitation and treatment; Kelli Anne Wells of Piscataway, earned a clinical excellence award and a master of science (M.S.) degree from the physician assistant program.

The University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) comprises eight schools which include New Jersey's only three medical schools, the state's only dental school, a school of health related professions, a school of nursing, a graduate school of biomedical sciences and a school of public health on campuses in Newark, Piscataway/New Brunswick, Camden, Stratford and Scotch Plains. UMDNJ operates University Hospital, Newark, and University Behavioral Health Care (UBHC) and is affiliated with more than 200 health care and educational institutions throughout the state.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, HALLIE

Hallie Eisenberg, best known for appearing in a series of Pepsi commercials, turns 10 on Aug. 2. The East Brunswick native has appeared in a number of films, including Beautiful (2000), Swing Vote (1999), Bicentennial Man (1999), Paulie (1998), and Nicholas' Gift (1998).



Residents Named To Dean's List

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Twenty-five Middlesex County residents were among the New Jersey City University students named to the Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester.

Students on the Dean's List attained a semester average of 3.5 or higher.

New Jersey City University is a public liberal arts university with an enrollment of 10,000 students. NJCU is located in Jersey City.

The Middlesex County residents are: **Carteret:** Michael Almonte, Jason Deangelo, Douglas Greenberg, Karen Masters and Kelly Ryan; **Edison:** John McGhee and Ashish Sharma; **Fords:** Jaime Dwyer; **Iselin:** Amy Elbayer, Dai Ho and John Kotsalos; **Metuchen:** Cynthia Cerasoli, Edward Mullen and Kirsten Sejda; **Sayreville:** Jami Grossmann and Anne Rojewski; **Woodbridge:** Sabrina Misir.

Kiddie Keep Well Camp Receives Grant

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nutritional principles.

The program includes activities such as arts and crafts, music, drama, sports games, swimming, and nature activities.

The camp is provided free to the camper's families. This grant provides support for the program, especially for high risk children," said Bates. It supports the infirmary and all our health programs, as well as a social worker to work directly with our campers and staff, as needed. It also provides campership for approximately 1/3 of all our campers.

The support of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation over the past 18 years has been important for this multi-faceted camp which also includes a senior citizens program. This program addresses health and recreation needs of Middlesex County residents

who are over the age of 65 years. Because there are times when the seniors and children are here together, we have been able to use a trans-generational approach which is helpful to both the seniors and children. Certainly this support is critical in maintaining this program for our campers.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, based in Princeton, is the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to health and health care. It concentrates its grant making in four goal areas: to assure that all Americans have access to basic health care at a reasonable cost; to improve care and support for people with chronic health conditions; to promote healthy lifestyles; and to reduce the present social and economic harm caused by substance abuse; tobacco, alcohol, and illegal drugs.

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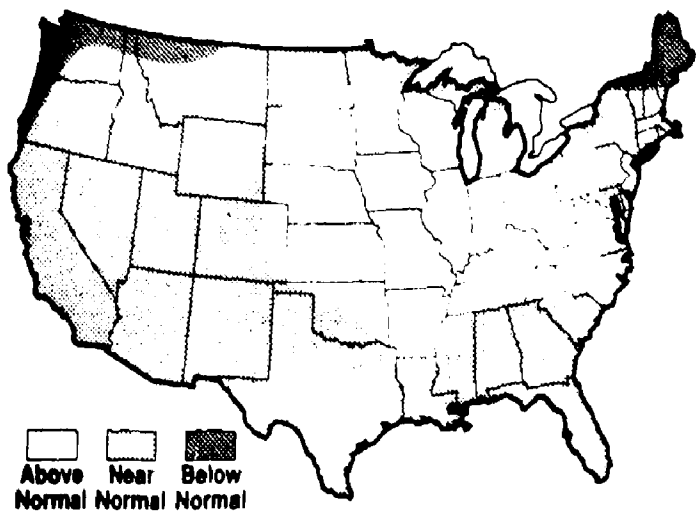
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Mostly sunny and warm.	Mainly clear.	Sunshine and humid.	Mostly sunny and warm.	Sunshine and warm.	A few t-storms later on.	A few t-storms and humid.	Times of clouds and sun.
89	69	89/67	85/65	84/67	81/74	82/67	78/62

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

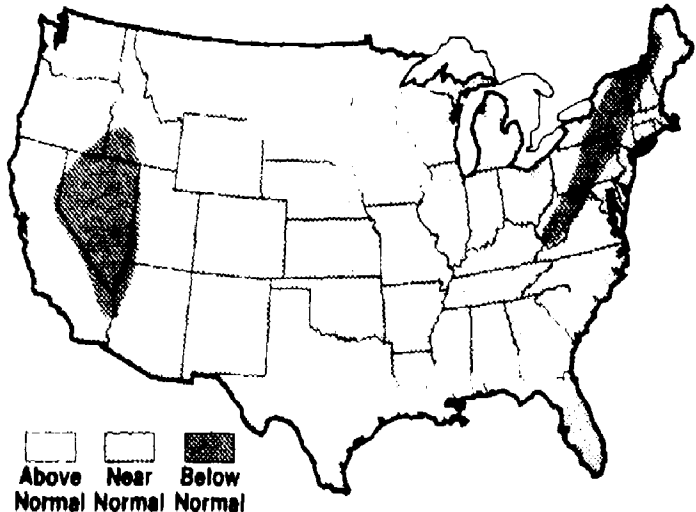


NATIONAL SUMMARY

Unseasonably warm weather will cover the Northeast, Ohio Valley and southern Plains during the period. Temperatures across the Northeast are expected to average 5 to 10 degrees above normal. Showers and thunderstorms will bring rain to the Southeast and Gulf Coast. A strong jet stream will push cooler air southward into the northern Rocky Mountains and Pacific Northwest.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Precipitation



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	90	73	pc	93	72	t	92	71	s	91	67	pc
Boston	84	66	s	84	66	pc	81	65	pc	80	64	s
Chicago	92	70	pc	86	66	pc	86	66	s	83	71	pc
Cleveland	90	70	s	92	70	pc	90	68	s	90	68	s
Denver	90	58	pc	88	62	pc	86	62	pc	89	66	pc
Des Moines	84	64	pc	84	65	pc	85	67	pc	86	70	pc
Detroit	87	67	s	81	62	pc	82	62	s	82	70	pc
Houston	96	76	pc	94	78	pc	94	78	pc	94	78	pc
Indianapolis	89	69	s	86	66	s	85	65	s	86	72	pc
Kansas City	93	68	pc	91	68	pc	89	69	c	90	68	pc
Los Angeles	90	65	s	88	63	s	91	62	s	90	59	s
Miami	92	78	pc	89	78	pc	89	79	pc	88	75	t
Minn.- St. Paul	80	60	pc	82	62	pc	84	66	t	84	64	t
New Orleans	92	78	pc	93	78	pc	92	77	t	92	76	t
New York City	90	72	s	90	70	pc	86	68	pc	85	68	s
Omaha	94	68	pc	90	66	pc	88	67	pc	87	67	pc
Phoenix	104	82	pc	102	84	c	102	84	c	104	84	pc
San Francisco	71	57	pc	70	56	pc	71	57	pc	73	56	pc
Seattle	74	54	pc	74	56	pc	74	55	pc	74	59	pc
Washington	92	74	s	92	72	s	88	70	pc	87	70	s

SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Thu. 5:54 a.m.	8:13 p.m.
Fri. 5:55 a.m.	8:11 p.m.

Moonrise	Moonset
Thu. 12:01 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Fri. 12:27 a.m.	2:47 p.m.

Moon Phases

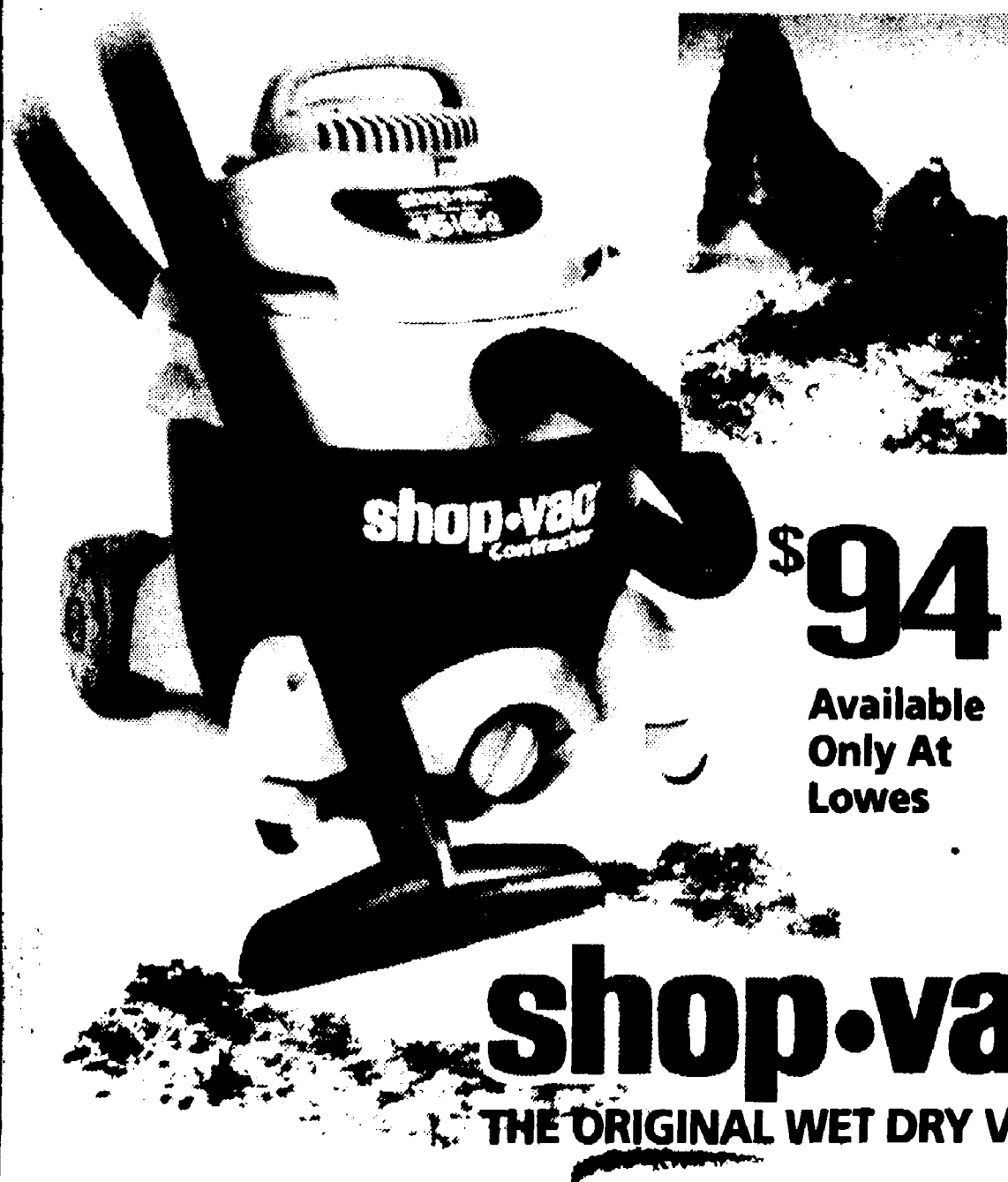
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Weather (W):
 s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy,
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 t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
 sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

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City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	73	64	c	67	54	r	71	58	pc	71	61	c
Berlin	83	71	r	83	62	c	70	58	r	70	58	c
Buenos Aires	55	41	pc	61	44	pc	62	41	s	58	34	pc
Cairo	106	74	s	101	70	s	96	71	s	95	71	s
Jerusalem	94	62	s	89	59	s	83	59	s	84	60	s
Johannesburg	61	42	pc	68	43	pc	72	42	s	72	42	s
London	72	60	sh	67	62	r	72	67	r	73	63	r
Madrid	84	49	s	91	53	s	94	58	s	97	60	s
Mexico City	72	55	c	71	58	r	72	54	r	77	54	pc
Moscow	89	66	s	87	69	pc	85	68	c	83	63	c
Paris	69	52	pc	67	49	c	65	54	sh	68	60	r
Rio de Janeiro	80	68	pc	70	54	pc	67	55	s	70	57	s
Rome	83	64	pc	86	61	pc	80	58	s	80	61	s
San Juan	89	76	pc	89	75	pc	88	75	pc	87	75	pc
Seoul	90	74	pc	88	74	pc	87	73	pc	83	73	r
Sydney	68	46	pc	67	50	c	68	54	pc	66	52	r
Tokyo	88	79	c	88	78	c	85	76	c	85	75	pc
Toronto	82	60	pc	80	58	pc	76	55	s	77	63	c
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

August 5 at 6 p.m. — A free "Membership Open House" will be held at the law offices of Wilentz, Goldman and Sptizer, 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge.

August 6 11 a.m. to Dusk—The Fords-Keasbey Senior Citizens Club will be holding a picnic will be held for members only at Fords Park. Meetings are held at 2 p.m. on Fridays at Our Lady of Peace Church cafeteria resume on Sept. 6. Membership is open to township residents 60 and older who do not belong to any other township senior club. Call Regina for further info. (732) 738-4539.

August 12 at 7 p.m. — The Edison Garden Club will feature a special presentation on New Jersey Butterflies by Peter Bacinski of the Sandy Hook Bird Observatory. The Garden Club meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Conference room at the Main Branch of the Edison Public Library, 340 Plainfield Avenue. the public is invited.

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.

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The Lottery announced that it generated approximately \$2.07 billion in fiscal year 2002—a 14.49 percent increase over last year and the first time in its 32-year history that it has surpassed the two billion dollar sales mark. This historic achievement translates into over \$753 million in funding for state programs such as Community Colleges, Department of Human Service, Governor's School, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, Department of School Nutrition and the Marie Katzenbach School for the Deaf.

Where does the Money Go?

Supporting State Education and Institutions

- The Lottery returns 36 percent of every dollar earned, to support State Education and Institutions.

- In FY'02, the Lottery returned over \$753 million to state programs, an 8.1 percent or \$56 million increase over the last fiscal year.

Operating Costs

- As one of the most cost-efficient lotteries in the United States, New Jersey spends less than 1. percent of its revenues to operate and promote its lottery business.

Jackpots and Prizes

- The Lottery returns 54 percent of every sales dollar to players in the form of cash and prizes.

- In FY'02, players received \$1.145 billion, compared to \$994 the previous year.

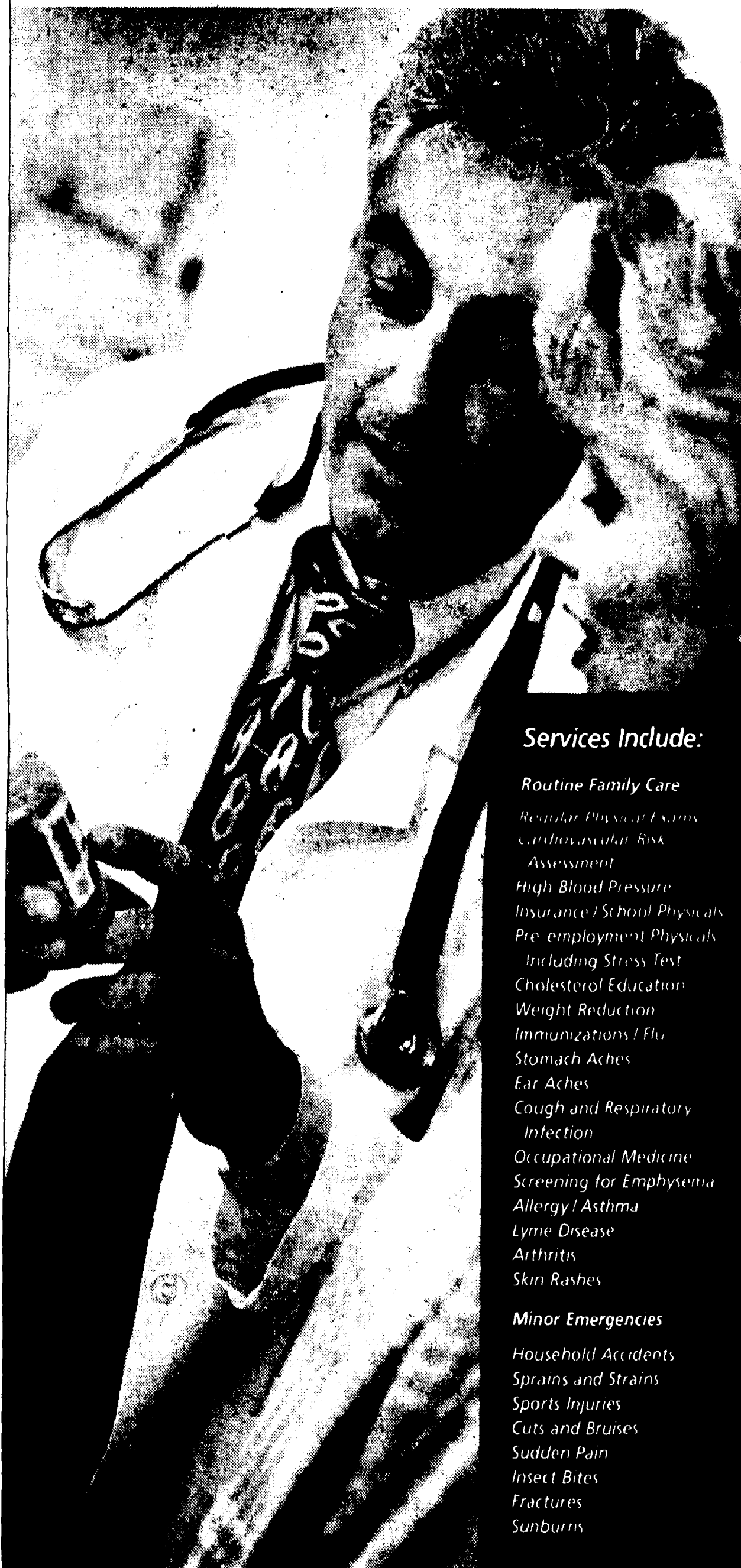
Lottery Retailer Commissions

- There are approximately 6,000 lottery retailers throughout the state comprised of small business owners, chain stores, supermarkets, pharmacies, convenience stores and other establishments.

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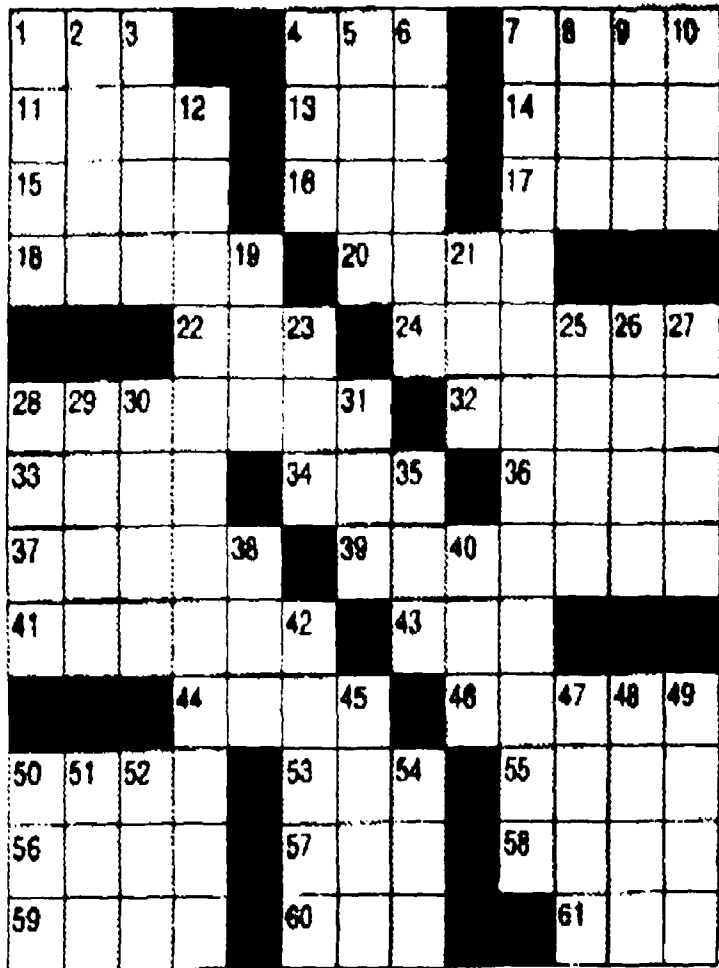
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Jake issued a warning to Adam. Jackson asked Anna why she let Wolfe escape. At Roger's funeral service, Leo noticed the change in Greenlee's relationship with her mother, Mary. Opal vowed to cause trouble for Kendall after overhearing her give Palmer a gift. Frank reconnected with JR and Tad. Brooke shared shocking news about Maria with Hayley. Wait to See: Kendall cries out for help.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Barbara prepared herself to face her day in court. Carly hit Rosanna with upsetting news about Molly. Abigail and Chris shared a bittersweet reunion. Henry discovered Simon. Margo got disturbing information. Wait to See: Bonnie considers giving up.

THE BOLD

AND THE BEAUTIFUL

After Erica told Sheila she'll respect Rick and Amber's marriage so long as they're happy. Sheila visited Lance and paid him to drug Amber and have her spend the night in his bed. The next day, Amber returned home and swore to Rick that she had no idea how it hap-

pened and begged for his forgiveness. Bridget learned Brooke had begun to lean on Stephanie for emotional support. Wait to See: Sheila starts the next phase of her plan. Ridge makes a crucial decision.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Jennifer got closer to Colin as part of her investigation. After learning of Sami's visits to the DiMera mansion, Marlena and Roman tried to persuade her to stop seeing Tony. Brandon and Abe had a confrontation. Later, Sami pulled out some of her old tricks to entice Brandon. Tony experienced a strange physical happening. Belle and Shawn tried to protect their alien friends. Stefano's will left a profound impact on many people. Wait to See: John and Tony learn more about the mysterious key. Brady continues searching for Chloe's father.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Felicia told Roy about her growing feelings for him. Jason saved Sonny from going to jail after he violated Carly's restraining order. Zander helped himself to some of Roy's cash. Laura warned Luke to keep his grudge against Scott to himself if they hoped to keep the attic investigation open. Meanwhile, Rick arranged for Scott to be promoted to district attorney. Later, Rick tried to get Laura to stop focusing on past events in the attic. Wait to See: A.J. is close to uncovering Courtney's secret. Elizabeth parts from Jason.

GUIDING LIGHT

Edmund risked the ire of the Santos clan. Gus realized his past was causing a problem in his relationship with Harley. Michelle told Ed her secret. A devastated Cassie prepared to say goodbye to Richard. Wait to See: Dr. Grant contacts Reva. Beth scolds Phillip.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Cristian reassured Natalie that he'll find out who really pushed Ben out the window. Meanwhile, "Viki" (Niki)

vowed to kill Ben before his full memory returns. Todd was moved when T a chose to stay on the island with him rather than join Ross on the boat. Blair was pleased when Nora found the motel room key she (Blair) slipped into Troy's pocket. Rae faced a number of lawsuits from former students after admitting she's not a therapist. Wait to See: Troy's life is in danger.

PASSIONS

As Julian, Timmy and Toto headed for Harmony, Julian planned to barricade himself in the Crane mansion, while Timmy remained dedicated to finding and saving Charity. Rebecca told Ivy that Theresa's ghost was after her. Meanwhile, someone who learned of Julian's return plotted to kill him. Brian decided to bring Sheridan back to Harmony and introduce her to his family. But Brian's doctor had news that could change his plans. Wait to See: Miguel prays for a miracle for Charity.

PORT CHARLES

Rafe was conflicted between his feelings for Alison and his obligations to Livvie. Meanwhile, Livvie broke the news of her pregnancy to Kevin and Lucy. Later, Livvie fainted out of fear for her unborn child when she overheard Rafe discuss the Avatar's qualities. Alison began to warm up to Jack. Kate and Ian's first date soured when he pointed out her lies. Wait to See: Jack begins courting Alison.

THE YOUNG

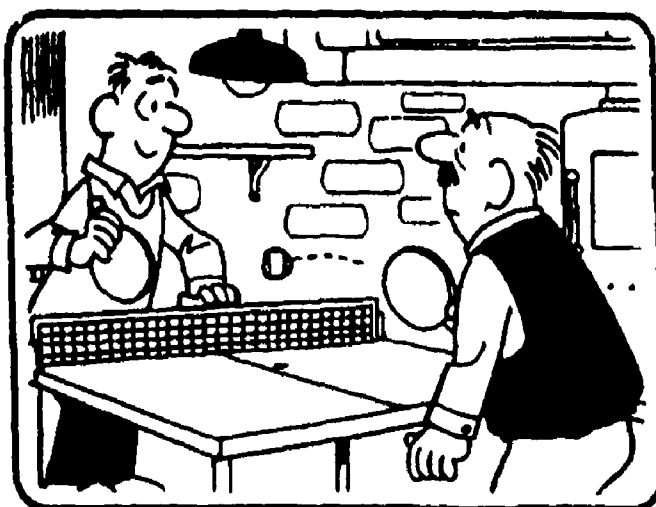
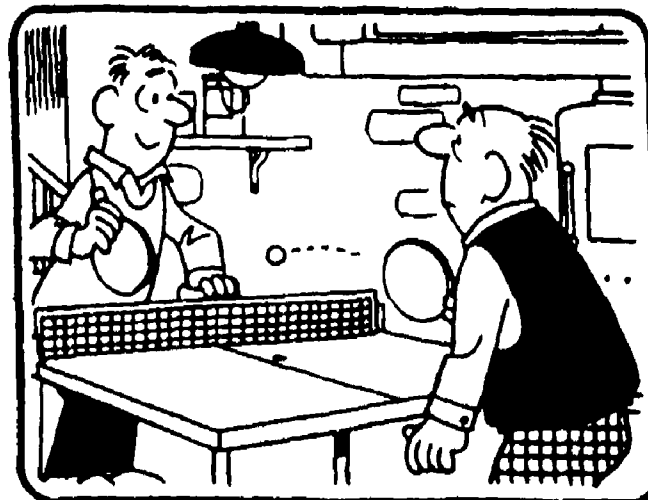
AND THE RESTLESS:

Warton awoke in Jill's bed. Sharon explained to Victor that her problem with Victoria and Diego's friendship stemmed from her fear that Diego might reveal secrets she confided to him during her problems with Nick. Brad reassured Ashley that her cancer didn't threaten their marriage. Phyllis felt confident that building a friendship with Jack's young son Kyle would impress Jack and lessen Diane's influence on him. Max told Victor that Nikki came on to him, and he planned to pursue a relationship with her. Meanwhile, Nikki told Jack about Victor's proposal and that she was now ready to respond. Wait to See: Neil makes a potentially dangerous decision.

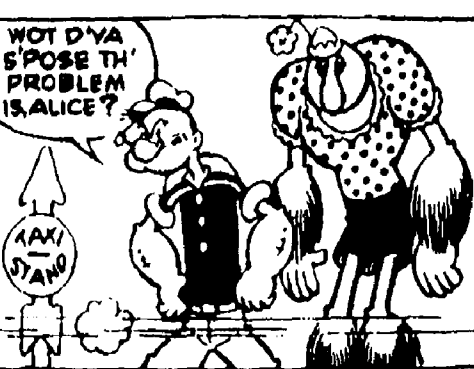
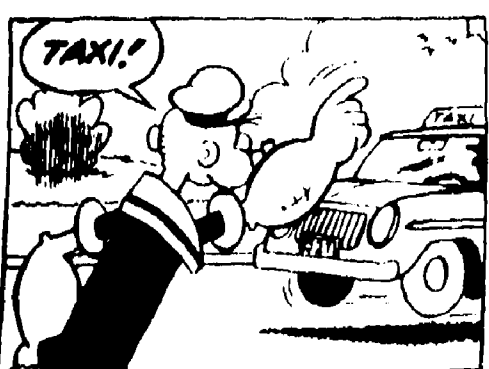
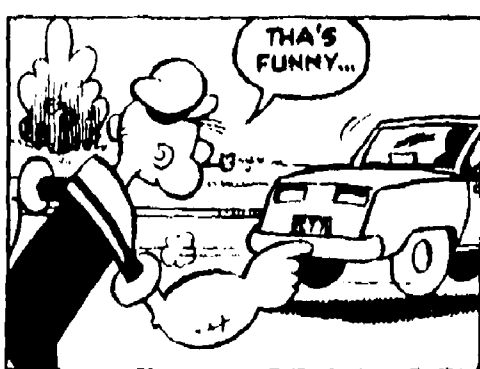
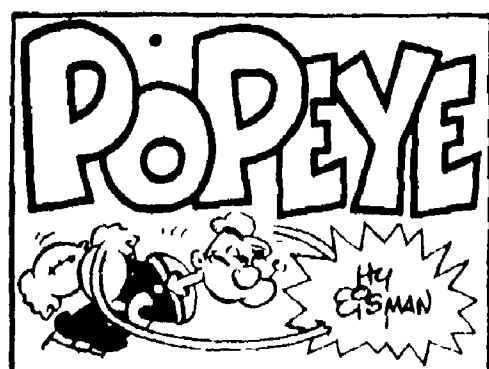
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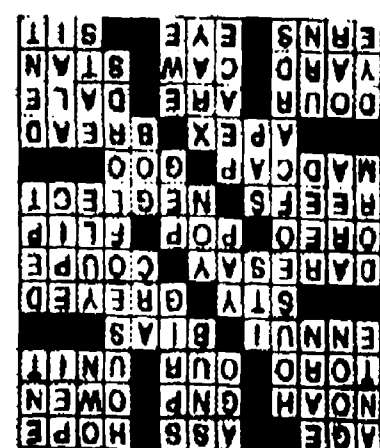
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Differences: 1. Ball is different. 2. Man has a mustache. 3. Pants are different. 4. Items are missing from shelf. 5. Bricks added to wall. 6. Stairs are gone.



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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Terri's DATING Trips



Coming Out Of Its Shell

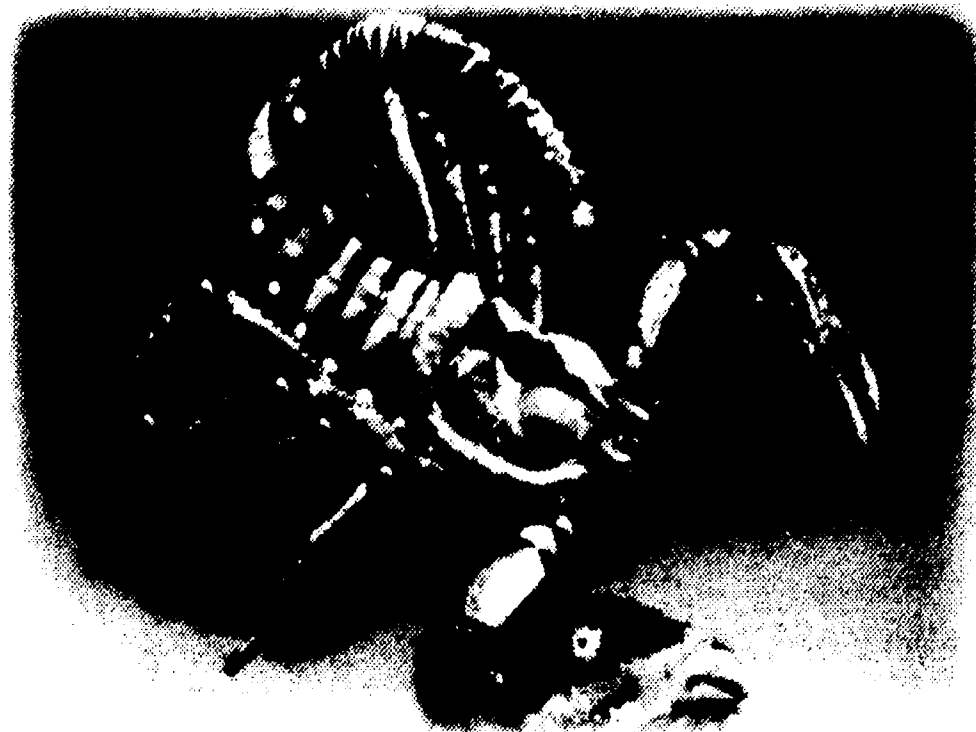
AREA-- A real conversation piece, this whimsical lobster pin, created by jewelry artists and Morristown CraftMarket & JazzFest exhibitors Cynthia Chuang and Erh-Ping Tsai, will help wearers come out of their shell.

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Adult admission is \$8; children under 12, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free of charge and there is a \$1 senior citizen discount. Ample-free parking is available and the armory is barrier-free for the disabled. For further information about the multifaceted

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Fridays With Fred

I was beginning to believe that I would never again find a man attractive. Well, that all changed one interesting night. When I cast that first glance onto Fred's face, I realized that I was in serious trouble. This man immediately had my full attention, and I am sure that I was the envy of every woman in the establishment!

People always say, "Don't go for looks; go for communication." I think I adopted that philosophy long ago, and if you ever saw some of my dates, you'd know that I was sincere. Fred challenged the validity of this ideology.

So, there I was, face-to-face, with this gorgeous man. HELP! I didn't want to drool on myself. I have no idea what I said that evening, except that at one point I brazenly asked, "Why don't you come sit next to me?" Oh, boy... making the first move was a sure sign that I was in trouble. It's funny... I wasn't thinking about the convent at all at that moment. Was it his personality? His inner beauty? Absolutely NOT!

The second Friday was quite similar to the first, except that I noticed a few details... he kept going to the restroom, and his eyes seemed to be constantly scanning the room. Hmm... I

wonder what that meant? Either he had a facial tic that affected his toilet habits, or he was not focused on his companion.

I believe that it was the former. Delusions are sometimes very important for one's self-esteem! Perhaps Fred had attention deficit disorder, so he couldn't help his inability to focus on ME!

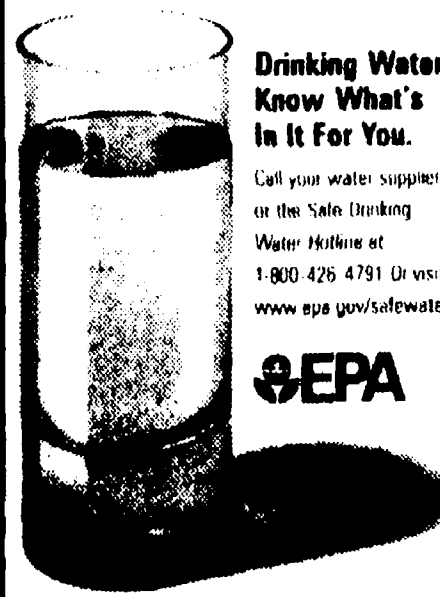
The fourth Friday was a major turning point, because I got the impression that Fred was really only interested in sex. Maybe it was the statement, "Why don't we spend the night together and relieve some stress?" Well, I've never been so tempted to have meaningless sex in my life! However, I chose the opposite. I mean, heck, if Fred wasn't Mr. Right, why jeopardize my chances for the convent?

I informed Fred that I could not see him anymore, because he was precluding my chances of meeting the right guy... statistically speaking, of course.

I survived the ordeal, but I was left questioning my ability to detect losers on the first date. Am I losing my touch, or am I getting more desperate? All I know is that I find myself praying a lot. Therefore, the convent might be a viable alternative to this cockamamie lifestyle.

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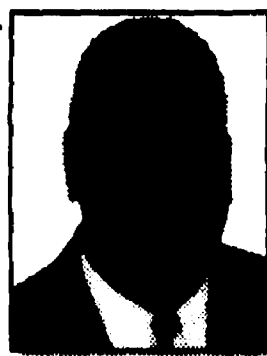
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YOUR HEALTH NEWS

Raritan Bay's Oncology Program Approved by Commission On Cancer

PERTH AMBOY — Raritan Bay Medical Center's Jacqueline M. & Robert N. Wilentz Cancer Center has been granted continued approval from The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons.

"Continuing this certified sta-

tus ensures that cancer patients and their families receive the best treatment options, through the expertise of our healthcare professionals, state-of-the-art services and equipment at a trusted hospital in their own community," said Michael R. D'Agnes, presi-

dent and CEO, Raritan Bay Medical Center.

Re-certification for the medical center's cancer program is the result of a multidisciplinary effort governed by the hospital's long-standing Cancer Committee. The renewal process requires a lengthy on-site evaluation that was comprised of interviews, document and chart reviews and site inspections. Administrators, medical staff, nursing, clinical and support departments were involved in the process.

Established by the American College of Surgeons in 1932, the approvals program sets standards for cancer programs and reviews the programs to make sure they conform to those standards. Recognizing that cancer is a complex group of diseases, the program promotes consultation among surgeons, medical oncologists, radiation oncologists, diagnostic radiologists, pathologists, pain management experts and

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"Raritan Bay Medical Center has dedicated itself to providing the best in diagnosis, education, prevention and treatment of can-

cer to the communities that we serve," shared John R. Middleton, MD, chief medical officer and chair of the department of medicine.

Approval by the Commission on Cancer is given only to those facilities that have voluntarily committed to provide the best in diagnosis and treatment of cancer and to undergo a rigorous evaluation process and a review of its performance. In order to maintain approval, facilities, with approved cancer programs must undergo an on-site review every three years.

Slightly more than one-fifth of the country's hospitals have approved cancer programs, and more than 80 percent of patients who are newly diagnosed with cancer are treated in these facilities.

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Bayshore Hospital RN Receives Army Nursing Award

HOLMDEL — Ellen Nixon, RN, BSN, was awarded the United States Army Spirit of Nursing Award for 2002. The award, which was determined by the faculty members in the School of Nursing at Monmouth University, recognizes a student who demonstrates a commitment to excellence through his or her community and professional and academic achievement.

"I am very proud to have received this award," says Nixon, a nurse at Bayshore Community Hospital. "Educating the community is extremely rewarding because I can share information that helps people make healthy choices and ultimately improve their quality of life."

Nixon, who has been on the nursing staff at Bayshore for 25

years, was the recipient of the 2000 Frances Black Humanitarian Award in Healthcare awarded by Friends' Health Connection in New Brunswick. In 1999, she was presented both the Nurse of the Year Award and the Poppick Scholarship from Bayshore Community Hospital. Additionally, she received the Marjorie Unterberg Scholarship Award for continuing education from Monmouth University where she recently received her BSN Degree. Her professional associations included the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

One of Nixon's greatest achievements was the creation of the Heart Healthy Lunch Lecture series. This program was designed as an outreach program to the community to provide healthy heart education stressing preventative health as well as the

importance of cardiac rehabilitation. This interactive program addresses the components of cardiac self-care such as nutrition, exercise and stress reduction. She also helped to develop the Cardiac Outpatient Clinic and the Pulmonary Rehabilitation Program. Since its inception two years ago, the cardiac rehabilitation department has increased in size and is now offered at two locations and has more than doubled the number of patients in the program.

Along with coordinating her lecture series this year, Nixon has been concentrating on streamlining the evaluation system for new outpatients creating a more user friendly process for the patient as well as working in conjunction with the emergency department planning programs that will assist health care providers in better meeting community needs.

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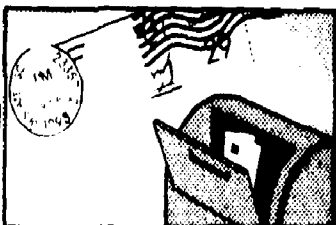
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Property taxes. There can be no disagreement. Nobody likes property taxes.

Have you ever heard of citizens protesting for higher property taxes? Did you ever go to a town meeting and hear the discussion about how not enough is being spent? Of course not. We all want property taxes to be as low as possible.

In order to avoid eventual property tax increases many towns get involved in what is known as a ratable chase. Officials pursue companies and industry to locate in their towns for the taxes they'll pay, thus keeping down everyone else's. Of course, with that chase comes the chase for more traffic and congestion. That creates additional costs for the towns. And thus the need for more taxes. It's a vicious cycle. It has to stop.

But how?

We've all heard the call for Property Tax Reform. But what does that mean? Some talk about eliminating the property tax and replacing it with either a higher income or sales tax. Some talk about consolidating the over one thousand units of local government we have in this state. Some talk about cutting - cutting services, or privatizing - getting government out of certain endeavors.

Any of these suggestions, and some others that I am sure I've missed, involve amending the Constitution of the State of New Jersey. There is legislation, A-540 in the Assembly and S-478 in the Senate, which would call a Constitutional Convention to resolve this dilemma. I am a co-sponsor of A-540 and I support calling a Constitutional Convention to change our presently antiquated and unfair system of property taxation. Until such time as we have

reform, the legislature has created several forms of relief. There is the Homestead Rebate program, started in 1990. There is the Property Tax Freeze Program, started in 1998. And there is the NJ Saver Program, started in 1999.

To be eligible for the Homestead Rebate, you must be a homeowner or renter earning less than \$100,000 per year. Homeowners must be paying the property taxes on their principal residence in the State of New Jersey. Renters must reside in a building that pays property taxes. Application for the Homestead Rebate is made in April when you file your income tax return.

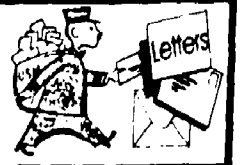
The Property Tax Freeze Program is open to senior citizens and the disabled with incomes less than \$41,177 for married couples and \$38,475 for single individuals. The program reimburses you for increases in property taxes over the base year in which you first apply. The application deadline is usually March 15, although in recent years it has been extended from time to time.

Finally, the NJ Saver Rebate Program is open to all New Jersey residents with an income of less than \$200,000. The deadline for filing was July 15 and checks usually go out in September.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility for any of these programs, or if you are having trouble obtaining your check, please call my district office at 732-316-1885 and my staff will assist you. If you would like applications for any of these programs, you can visit the Division of Taxation website at www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation or contact my district office at 732-316-1885. Keep in mind the Property Tax Reimbursement applications for 2002 will not be available until January 2003.

Property tax reform is needed. But until then, these relief programs offer a degree of help.

Readers Commentary



Corzine Applauds Senate Passage Of Corporate Reform Bill

Dear Editor,

On July 15, the Senate approved legislation I helped craft with Sen. Paul Sarbanes (D-Maryland), Sen. Christopher Dodd (D-Connecticut) and others to tighten regulation of corporate auditors and make executives more accountable for their conduct.

We believe this legislation is a major step toward restoring public confidence in our capital markets system.

The collapse of Enron Corp. was the first of too many boardroom scandals involving accounting abuses. As public outrage grows, stock prices plunge. We need federal legislation to right a wrong that is claiming the savings of retirees, working class families and young professionals.

The American financial system depends on the broad availability of timely and truthful information. It is difficult enough for many investors to decipher the complex information in corporate financial statements. But it is criminal if

corporate officials use fraudulent techniques to twist, disguise, inflate or distort the level of corporate earnings.

We think our measure, which is now pending in a House-Senate conference committee, will serve as the most important piece of legislation for the financial markets system since the original securities act became law under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The measure would:

- Establish a strong independent board to oversee auditors of public companies. The board would have the authority to set standards, and to investigate and discipline accountants. Overseen by the SEC, it would have independent funding and membership and mark the end of weak self-regulation on the part of public company auditors.
- Address pervasive conflicts of interest, ensuring auditor independence by restricting auditors from providing many consulting services.

When such services are still permitted, they would have to be pre-approved by the company's audit committee.

- Strengthen corporate responsibility, requiring CEOs and CFOs to be personally responsible for the accuracy of their company's financial reports, and requiring auditors to report directly to the board representing shareholders rather than to management.

- Establish safeguards to protect against investment analysts' conflicts.

- Provide the SEC expanded resources to hire additional staff to carry out its mandate of protecting investors.

With proper oversight and strengthened laws, we can return trust and integrity to corporate America, ensure that no corporation violate the public's trust, calm investors and let our markets return to business.

Jon S. Corzine
U.S. Senate
NJ

Recognizing Outstanding Service

Dear Editor,

It was my pleasure and privilege to present Billy Palmer, a member of the AARP Colonia Chapter #3459 with the AARP Special Award for Outstanding Service to the Community.

Women volunteers can be traced back to George Washington's Continental Army where they rolled up bandages and helped with the wounded men. They significantly increased their ranks during times of national crisis.

After America's entrance into World War II, military production in the United States increased several fold. Many women took jobs

or volunteered in staffing weapons factories, earning the title of "Rosie the Riveter." Let's not forget out women volunteers who after the brutal attack on Sept. 11 stood shoulder to shoulder and once again filled the ranks when needed.

At the conclusion of World War II, the United States presented Greece, its ally, with a navy troop landing craft (L.S.T. 325). Recently twenty nine ex-sailors went to Greece and purchased the craft, then sailed it from Greece to the United States.

It is now docked in the state of Alabama where Billy and Walter Palmer, her husband, spent five

days scraping, chipping, painting along with some fun jobs making it sea worthy. Walter Palmer was stationed on one of the L.S.T. so he was able to reminisce with the crew. They saved a part of history, for it will become a museum.

Her Special Award was not for this project but I thought you should know that they are part of the 160,000 AARP volunteers who are giving back to their communities.

George Vassillades
ARP

**Middlesex County
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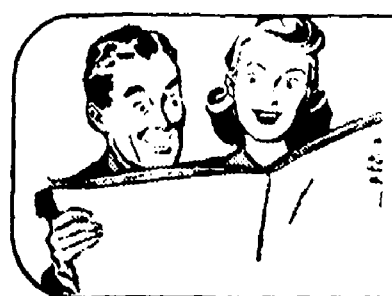
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Wartime Memories

These photos were taken on Saipan in the Mariana Islands during December, 1944. Michael Yacina and Arthur Jakubczak were in the U.S. Navy; Peter Book, Frank Bigos and Chuck Andreshetsko were members of the U.S. Army. All were natives of Perth Amboy. Yacina and Jakubczak have since passed away; Book still resides in Perth Amboy, and Bigos now resides in Fords. The current whereabouts of Andreshetsko are unknown.

Other Perth Amboy residents on the island around that time were Metro Kodan, U.S. Air Corps, and his brother, Mike Kodan, U.S. Navy, who later became fire chief in Perth Amboy.

Another Perth Amboy resident, Leo Weinstein, a recently deceased Superior Court Judge, was an infantry officer in the U.S. Army 27th Division, who was wounded in the Battle of Saipan.

Photos and memories courtesy of Peter Book.



Michael Yacina, Peter Book, Arthur Jakubczak, Frank Bigos, and Chuck Andreshetsko



Left: Frank Bigos, Peter Book, and Arthur Jakubczak
Right: Frank Bigos

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NEWS

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

FDU Announces Dean's And Honors List

AREA Fairleigh Dickinson University's Madison Campus has released the names of students who qualified for the Spring 2002 semester Dean's and Honors List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must have a 3.2 or better grade point average out of a possible 4.0; the Honors List, a 3.5 or better.

Honors List: Edison:

Diane Cukrow, Danielle Rondinone and Rosanne Tang; **Metuchen:** Sharon Shumate; **Parlin:** Andrew Nocera; **Perth Amboy:** Frederick Springer III.

Dean's List: Edison: Nancy Ellerbe, Chelsea Rubinstein, Maryellen Ruzala and Melissa Wertz; **Iselin:** Richard Maddock; **South Amboy:** Alison Zambrzycki.

Chain Reaction Smash Shuts Down Route 9 South

SAYREVILLE—A chain-reaction smash-up near Lee Avenue shut down Route 9 South on the morning of July 17. Five vehicles were involved.

Two of the cars, a 1986 Saab and a 2000 Kenworth dump truck both burst into flames. The 19 year-old driver of the Saab, Jason Merkel was able to climb out of a smashed window in his car. He climbed over the median after his car became lodged under the dumb truck and pinned against the median.

The accident occurred when a school bus stopped to pick up some passengers and a

1998 Honda driven by Yasmenia Caba, 32, of South Amboy and James Hely, Hillside, 44, driver of a 1994 Mazda both stopped in the southbound lanes.

A 2002 Ford Pinto driven by James Tanney, 25, Cranford, struck Hely's car which then struck Caba's car. Merkel then struck Tanney's car, pushing it into the median. Then the dump truck crashed into and over the Merkel car, which burst into flames under the truck.

Merkel, Padilla, and Tanney received summons for reckless driving.

Scheider Receives Academic Honors

SOUTH AMBOY — Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. South Amboy resident, Stephanie Scheider, a Northeastern University student majoring in Journalism, was recently named to the university's Dean's List for the spring quarter 2002. To achieve this distinction, students must carry a full program, have a quality point average of 3.25 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no grade lower than a C.

Northeastern University, a private research institution located in Boston, Mass., is a world leader in practice-oriented education. Building on its flagship cooperative education program, Northeastern links classroom learning with workplace experience and integrates professional preparation with study in the liberal arts and sciences. For more information, visit www.northeastern.edu.

Vas Swears In New Police Captain

PERTH AMBOY - Mayor Joseph Vas held a ceremony July 3 to swear in Lt. Frank Gallucci to the rank of captain in the Perth Amboy Police Department. The 24-year police veteran will fill the vacancy created by the recent retirement of Capt. Martin Hodge.

"I congratulate Capt. Gallucci on his new post and wish him the best in serving the City of Perth Amboy in this new capacity. I am confident that he has the experience and the character to best serve the interests of our citizens," Vas said.

Gallucci began his career as a patrolman with the Perth Amboy Police Department in September

of 1978. During the last two decades he has been promoted through the ranks while serving in several divisions throughout the department. From 1986-87, he served as a detective in the narcotics division.

Subsequently, in December of 1987, he was promoted to the rank of sergeant and assigned as narcotics division supervisor until 1988. During this time, he attended the school of the federal Drug Enforcement Administration to further his narcotics background. In 1988 he was assigned as the street supervisor of the patrol division where he served until 1991. In July of 1991, he was promoted to the

rank of lieutenant where he served as watch commander of the patrol division until the present.

"Captain Gallucci is a well-known and well-respected police officer and supervisor. I look forward to working with him in this new position where I'm sure he will have a positive impact on the members of the police department," said Police Director Thomas Cetnar.

Throughout his tenure he has received numerous letters of commendation. Captatin Gallucci will now be assigned to the patrol division in his new capacity.

Professor Honored For Poetry, Translations

EDISON—In a distinguished ongoing career as professor, poet and translator, Emanuel di Pasquale of the English Department at Middlesex County College has received two additional national awards. Chelsea Magazine has presented its 2002 poetry prize, \$1,000 and publication of his 17-page poem in its Fall/Winter edition, and the National Italian American Foundation has awarded him \$3,000 for his translations of six contemporary Italian women poets.

Professor di Pasquale was born in Sicily in 1943 and emigrated to the United States with his mother after the death of his father. Although he did not learn English until he was 16, he began writing poetry at an early age. For years his poetry has appeared in such publications as American Poetry Review, The Nation, The New York Times and The Sewanee Review as well as major poetry anthologies, textbooks and periodicals.

In 1989 his first collection, Genesis, was published. Since then, his numerous collections and translations of the works of several Italian poets have received many awards, including the 2000 Raiziss dePalchi Fellowship of the American Academy of Poets, which consisted of \$20,000 and six weeks in Rome. His most recent work is entitled Connections-Poems

of Rome, Sicily and Venice.

Cricket, the children's literary magazine, has consistently published his poems and in spring 2003 they will release his first hardcover volume of poetry for children, A Cartwheel to the Moon.

Di Pasquale has taught at Middlesex since 1968. He and his family live in East Brunswick.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Grand Opening Of State-Of-The-Art Child Care Center

CLARK— A new child-care center is opening in Union County, conveniently located right next to the GSP, exit 135. The center is situated in the modern extension of Union County Baptist Church, 4 Valley Road, Clark. State-of-the-art technology is available to parents, so that they are able to have viewing access to their children on-line.

The mission of Clark Child

Care is to provide a full-service, child-centered program for children, ages 2-5, emphasizing professional, safe and dedicated care. The staff is committed to the highest quality care standards, team building, character building and professionalism. They possess a unique joy for working with children, while providing an environment that will develop the readiness skills of the children, and encourage a

life-long love for learning.

The Clark Child Care Center was founded recently by the Union County Baptist Church. Sept. 3 begins the first year of the state-licensed facility serving the young children of Union County. A professional staff and corporate board have been organized as a non-profit child-care center. An elite educational program has been chosen which will utilize a progressive and creative approach to education.

Registration begins in August for toddlers ages 2 up to school-age children. The supervisor of the center, Lisa Greshko, has been the director of the church's nursery for 6 years and has two children ages 2 and 7. The executive director for the inception will be Dr. Frank Papandrea, a NJ licensed professional counselor and senior pastor of the church.

Open houses are scheduled for the following Saturdays, Aug. 3, 24 and 31 so that interested parents can come view

the facility, the scope of the brand new Diversity Art Gallery and the music section, featuring a baby grand piano, all of which will be incorporated into the child care center pro-

gram. The child care center looks forward to meeting the needs of those who live and work in the tri-county area. Call the Clark Child Care at (732) 574-8808 for more information.

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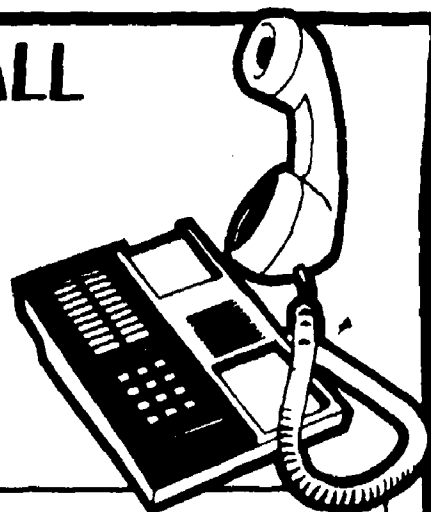
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GRAND OPENING—Clark Child Care will open Sept. 3. Shown in photo are Clark Child Care Executive Director, Dr. Frank D. Papandrea and Supervisor, Lisa Greshko standing in the newly-renovated facility.

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HESAA Seeks Nominations For Heroism Scholarship

AREA—The New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA) is accepting applications and nominations for the 2003 Dana Christmas Scholarship for Heroism.

The statewide scholarship program is designed to honor the exceptionally heroic actions of up to five young New Jerseyans each year and provides a one-time award of up to \$10,000 to each recipient. Awards may be used at any eligible higher learning institution for undergraduate or graduate studies. The scholarship is named after the Seton Hall

University student who is credited with saving many lives during a dormitory fire at the school.

"New Jersey takes great pride in honoring the bravery, courage and compassion of our young people," said HESAA Executive Director Elizabeth Wong. "We encourage communities across the state to participate in our program and ensure that true heroism is recognized."

Eligible recipients must be a New Jersey resident (both at the time of the act of heroism and upon application); the age of 21 or younger at the time of

the heroic act; and a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen and registered with the Selective Service (if required).

Application/nomination forms are available through HESAA's toll-free hotline at (800) 792-8670, through the web site (www.hesaa.org) and through colleges, high schools, fire and police departments. Applicants must submit at least one supporting nomination to be considered. Submission of supporting documentation such as newspaper articles is also encouraged. HESAA will accept nominations made on behalf of another individual; however, the nominee must also complete an application form.

The deadline for applications/nominations is Oct. 15. The Executive Committee of the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority Board will make final selections. Scholarship recipients will be notified in writing and will be required to submit proof of enrollment at an eligible post-secondary institution before payment will be issued. Funds will be held in escrow for any recipients who are not yet of college age.

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YOUR MILITARY NEWS

New Jersey Air National Guard Gets New Commander

AREA—On June 23 Brig. General Clark W. Martin assumed command of the New Jersey Air National Guard during an official Change of Command ceremony hosted by the 177th Fighter Wing, located at the Atlantic City International Airport, Egg Harbor Township.

The New Jersey Air National Guard is comprised of two units, the 108th Air Refueling Wing, located at McGuire Air Force Base and the 177th Fighter Wing. Brig. General Martin succeeds Maj. General Craig Cosgrave, who is retiring after 37 years of service.

Martin was born in Atlantic City and received his Bachelor of Arts in English from The Citadel, Charleston, S.C. in 1965 and his Masters in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in 1972. His military education includes Marine Command and Staff College and Air War College.

Martin entered the Air Force in 1966, having been commissioned through the Air Force ROTC program in The Citadel. After completing navigator training at Mather Air Force Base, Calif., he served as a reconnaissance systems officer flying RF-4s with the 14th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand, from 1967 to 1968. During that time he also served for 100 days with the 23rd Tactical Air Support Squadron, Nakon Phanom Royal Thai Air Force Base, as a forward air controller in the O-2A during the Tet offensive. During his tour in Vietnam, he flew 153 combat missions, 100 of them over North

Vietnam.

Following a tour of duty at Hahn Air Base, Germany, the General separated from the Air Force in 1972. In 1975, he joined the Air Force Reserve and transferred to the New Jersey Air National Guard in 1981. He is a master navigator with more than 3,500 hours of flying time, primarily in the F-4D/E.

Martin's military awards and decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal with 11 oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal with eight oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with bronze service star, Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze service stars, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with five oak leaf clusters, and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster.

The 108th Air Refueling Wing conducts in-flight refueling for U.S. and Allied military aircraft and frequently deploys overseas in support of military operations. The 108th is part of the Air Force's Air Mobility Command and one of only three "Super Tanker Wings" in the entire Air National Guard. As part of the Air Force's Air Combat Command, the 177th Fighter Wing has a dual-role mission of being worldwide deployable with both air-to-air and air-to-ground combat capabilities while also serving a Homeland Defense mission with pilots and aircraft on alert status 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Alejandro Completes Military Training

WOODBIDGE—Marine Corps Pvt. Mario Alejandro Jr., a 1999 graduate of Woodbridge High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Alejandro successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

In addition to the physical

conditioning program, he spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training.

He also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values honor, courage and commitment and what the words mean in guiding personal and

Area Residents Receive State's Top Military Award

SAYREVILLE—Special award ceremonies were held on July 18 at the VFW Post 4699, Sayreville. Col. John Dwyer, 42nd Infantry Division Support Command Commander, presented New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the state's top military award to 393 Middlesex County residents who are combat veterans of the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Lebanon, Panama, Bosnia and Kosovo.

For more information and a complete list of New Jersey Distinguished Medal list of recipients in your area, visit our web site at www.new-jersey.ws

Ortiz Completes Basic Training

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Pvt. Jose M. Ortiz, son of Gloria Colon of Perth Amboy and Miguel A. Ortiz, Sr. of Perth Amboy, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Ortiz successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

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Ortiz is a 2001 graduate of Middlesex County Vocational-Technical High School, Perth Amboy.

professional conduct. Alejandro and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour team effort, problem solving evolution which culminated with an emotional ceremony in which the recruits were presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and were addressed as "Marines" for the first time since boot camp began.

Nowak Graduates Air Force Academy

PARLIN—Air Force Cadet Gary W. Nowak has graduated from the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo. The graduate received a bachelor of science degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Senior cadets have the opportunity to serve as academy cadet officers who provide leadership, motivation and direction for the cadet wing and demonstrate effective officership in support of unit mission objectives.

The academy is a four-year military institution of higher learning that develops and inspires new air and space leaders with a vision for the future. The curriculum provides a balanced program of military training, academics, physical training, athletic conditioning, and character and ethical development. The courses of study allow cadets

to acquire a broad education in the basic and engineering sciences, social sciences, the humanities, and a choice of 30 academic majors.

The new lieutenants go on to serve as pilots, navigators, engineers, maintenance officers, professionals in various technical fields, and some attend medical or graduate school with special scholarships, while others go directly to non-rated Air Force-wide assignments. The officer is scheduled to attend undergraduate pilot training at Moody Air Force Base, Valdosta, Ga.

The officer will be assigned to McGuire Air Force Base, Trenton. Nowak received a degree in Biology. He is the son of Gary and Luanne Nowak of 11 Dolan Ave., South Amboy.

The lieutenant is a 1998 graduate of Sayreville War Memorial High School, Parlin.

Pacheco Reports For Duty

PERTH AMBOY—Marine Corps Pfc. Eliezer J. Pacheco, a 2001 graduate of Perth Amboy High School, recently reported for duty with Marine

Wing Support Squadron 372, Marine Wing Support Group 37, 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Juilen Gets Promoted

ISELIN—Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Stephanie Juilen, daughter of Chantale Bien-Aime of Mount Holly and Joel Juilen of Iselin, recently was promoted to her current rank while serving with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 16, Marine Aircraft Group 16, Marine Corps Air

Station, Miramar, Calif.

Juilen was promoted based on sustained superior job performances and proficiency in her designated specialty.

Juilen is a 2000 graduate of John F. Kennedy Memorial High School of Iselin and joined the Marine Corps in March 2001.

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OBITUARIES

Dwayne Canary, 44 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Dwayne Canary of Toms River (formerly of Perth Amboy) died July 14 at home. He was 44.

He was born in Perth Amboy, and lived there until moving to Toms River in 1989.

He was a steel worker for Co-Steel Raritan, working at the company's Perth Amboy plant.

Surviving are his wife, Ann (Miller) Canary; a son, Zachary, and a daughter, Samantha, both at home; his mother, Lorraine (Peterson) Canary of Fords; two brothers, Gerard of Brick and Roger of Point Pleasant, and a sister, Luann Anderson of Edison

Carmelo Delgado of Perth Amboy

Mr. Carmelo Delgado of Perth Amboy died July 22 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 69.

Born in Puerto Rico, he lived in New Brunswick before moving to Perth Amboy.

Mr. Delgado was a machine operator for Holophone Co., Edison, for 30 years before retiring in 1993.

Surviving are five daughters, Carmen Rodriguez, Aida Rivera, Diane Rentas, Janet Garcia and Monica Cancel; four sons, Carmelo Delgado-Perez, Carmelo and Bienvenido and Richard; two sisters, Juanita Rodriguez and Maria Biladeau; a brother, Julio Rosa, and 13 grandchildren.

Cornelius E. Sheehan of Edison

Mr. Cornelius "Neil" E. Sheehan died July 15 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. He was 61.

Born in New York City, he grew up in The Bronx, N.Y., and had lived in Edison for the past 35 years.

For the past few years, he had worked for Trans Net Co. in Somerset. Prior to that, he had been employed as a service technician for over 25 years by TRW Inc. in Union.

Mr. Sheehan was a parishioner of Our Lady of Peace R.C. Church in Fords.

Two brothers, Jimmy and Joseph Sheehan, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Gladys "Butch" Sheehan; his children, Laura and Matt Dorony of Interlaken, Greg and Kimberly Sheehan of Greensboro, N.C., and Glenn Sheehan of Neptune City; five sisters, Patricia Varecha of Hicksville, N.Y., Eileen Pike of Woodbridge, Katie Evans of Jupiter, Fla., Mary Burr of Tucson, Ariz., and Joan Bernard of East Norriton, Pa.; two brothers, Thomas Sheehan of Monroe, N.Y., and John Sheehan of Edison. He is also survived by his seven grandchildren.

Joseph Kurtiak, 81 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Joseph Kurtiak of Perth Amboy died July 22 at home. He was 81.

Born in Sewaren, he lived in Carteret before moving to Perth Amboy.

He is survived by his wife, Mae Lenart Kurtiak.

Daniel C. Poland of Port Reading

Mr. Daniel C. Poland of Forked River (formerly of Port Reading) died July 22 in the Lacey Nursing Center, Forked River. He was 73.

Born in Jersey City, he lived in Port Reading for many years before moving to Forked River in 1993.

He was a union driver for various trucking companies, he was affiliated with Teamsters Union locals 617, 701 and 641 before retiring in 1991.

Mr. Poland served in the Navy during the Korean War.

Surviving are Laura, his wife of 50 years; daughters, Diane Henry, Doreen Sutphen and Deborah Curry; sons, Daniel, Donald and Douglas; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Anna Szeman, 85 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Anna Szeman of Woodbridge died July 24 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 85.

Born in Woodbridge, she lived there most of her life.

Mrs. Szeman was a communicant of St. James R.C. Church in Woodbridge.

Her husband, Alex Szeman, died in 1966, and a brother, Joseph Kish, and a sister, Elizabeth Goyena, are also deceased.

Surviving are two daughters, Maryann Evaldi and Michele Smith, both of Woodbridge; a son, Michael Szeman of Scotch Plains; two sisters, Julia Venerus and Helen Toryak, both of Woodbridge; eight grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren.

Loretta A. Molnar of Woodbridge

Mr. Loretta Ann (Penik) Molnar died July 14 at home. She was 74.

Born in Woodbridge she was a lifelong resident Woodbridge.

She was employed from 1946-1950 as a supervisor at the Maidenform Co. in Perth Amboy and, from 1966-1970 as a nurse's aide at Roosevelt Hospital in Edison.

Mrs. Molnar was a communicant of St. James R.C. Church and a member of the Rosary Society all in Woodbridge.

She was also a member of the Hungarian American Citizens Club in Woodbridge.

Her husband, John, died in 1969.

Surviving are three daughters, Jeanne Wiebusch of Woodbridge, Elizabeth Burns of Avenel, and Cheryl Molnar-Smith of Middletown; a sister, Penny Howard and a brother, Stephen Penik both of Millsboro, Del., and six grandchildren, Michael and Christine Wiebusch, Theresa and Susan Burns and Rebecca and Carl Smith.

Helene N. Joswick of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Helene N. Joswick of Perth Amboy died July 21 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. She was 89.

Born in Newton, Mass., she lived in Perth Amboy for the past 60 years.

She was a homemaker.

Her husband, Thomas L. Joswick, is deceased.

Surviving are a son, Edward J. Joswick of Manahawkin; her daughter, Claire Nani of Delaware, and two grandsons.

Elizabeth Zysk, 89 of Carteret

Mrs. Elizabeth (Lukach) Zysk of Lakewood (formerly of Carteret) died July 23 at Fountain View Care Center in Lakewood. She was 89.

She had lived in Carteret for most of her life.

Mrs. Zysk was a parishioner of Holy Family R.C. Church in Carteret.

She was a former member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the General Stefanick Club in Carteret.

Her husband, Leon Zysk; and a son, Richard Zysk, are both deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Eleanore Stiles of Toms River; a sister, Helen Stefanowicz of Perth Amboy; two brothers, Mick Lukach of Fords and Steve Lukach of Lanoka Harbor; four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Charles Hatala, 96 of Carteret

Mr. Charles Hatala of Carteret died July 15 at Woodlands Genesis Eldercare, Plainfield. He was 96.

Born in Dushayne, Pa., he resided in Carteret for most of his life.

He retired from U.S. Metal Refining Co., Carteret. Mr. Hatala was a parishioner of St. Elizabeth of Hungary R.C. Church, Carteret.

His wife, Elizabeth Hatala, died in 1987.

Surviving are his niece, Margaret Bodak of Carteret; his nephew, Joseph Erdely of Carteret, and a godson, Alan Bodak of Lanoka Harbor.

Margaret E. Bles, 80 of South Amboy

Mrs. Margaret E. (Cox) Bles of South Amboy died July 24 at her home in McCarthy Towers. She was 80.

Born in Missouri, she was a resident of South Amboy for the past three years.

Although retired, she had worked as a paralegal for many years at various law firms.

Surviving are three sons, Richard of South Amboy, Robert of Canada and Thomas of Phoenix, and eight grandchildren.



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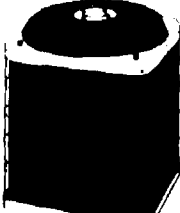
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The bill includes \$110 million to fully fund the fiscal year 2003 project requirements to deepen the New York/New Jersey Harbor (including the Kill van Kull and Newark Bay; the Port Jersey deepening; and the Arthur Kill/Howland Hook deepening); \$2.8 million for the Hudson-Raritan Estuary Study; \$270,000 for the Harrison flood control study; \$100,000 for the Woodbridge River flood control project; and \$500,000 for an environmental restoration study of the Lower Passaic River.

"As the senior New Jersey Member on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I was pleased to, once again, advocate on behalf of these very important projects in our region. And fortunately, my colleagues in the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee recognized the significance of these projects," said Menendez. "Next, I will focus my efforts on the full committee and on winning final passage to ensure the continued economic competitiveness and environmental viability of the Port of New York and New Jersey."

The \$2.8 million Hudson-Raritan Estuary Study funding is an increase over the President's budget, which included only \$676,000. If funded at the President's level, the study would have been spread out over a much longer time span and only a few of the thirteen priority projects would have been restored.

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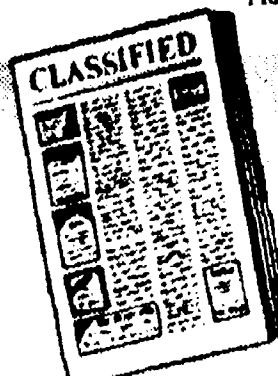
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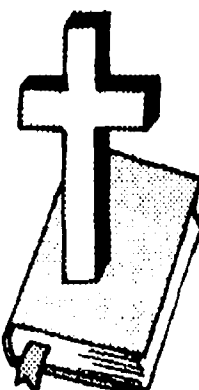
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Justin Totten Named New Wrestling Coach

EDISON—Justin Totten has been named head coach of the Middlesex County College wrestling team. He replaces his brother, Brandon, who accepted a position at Delaware Valley College.

Justin Totten, who was the assistant coach of the team last year, has high expectations for the squad this winter.

"We're looking to improve on last season's success," Totten said. "We return three national qualifiers and have a strong group of recruits."

The Blue Colts went 7-4-1 in dual meets last year and was ninth in the national tournament. They had one All-



Justin Totten

American, Mark McLean, and five academic All-Americans.



NEW POLICE CAMERAS—Sgt. Vance Johnson of the Middlesex County College Campus Police adjusts the focus on the Mobil Vision Camera recently installed in two police vehicle. The cameras record video and audio reception of vehicles stopped by the officers, which can be used in court and for training purposes. George Bandics, director of the Campus Police, said the addition of cameras in police cars, which is being done all over the state, is also for the protection of police and private citizens. One of the cameras was purchased from a grant from the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office forfeiture fund, the other by the College.

Teddy Bears on Parade

EDISON—The Children's Dept. of the Edison Public Library will hold registration in person or by phone beginning July 31st for children 2 years - 5 years of age and their parents/caregivers for "Teddy Bears on Parade", a program that will celebrate the 100th anniversary of President Teddy Roosevelt's teddy bear.

Registration is limited and open to Edison residents only.

Programs are as follows:

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Domestic Violence Team Receives State Aid

PERTH AMBOY—The NJ Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has awarded Perth Amboy a \$3,949 grant for the city's Domestic Violence Response Team. The grant, which comes from the DCA's Domestic Violence Training Program will support the efforts of Perth Amboy's 11-member team, which works in conjunction with the Police Department to offer support to victims of domestic violence cases.

"We're very pleased that the state recognizes the importance of the Domestic Violence Response Team and has pledged their assistance to help us continue this valuable program. I would also like to thank the volunteers who sacrifice their time to offer much-needed support for the victims of domestic violence cases," said

Mayor Joseph Vas. Although the New Jersey State Legislature only recently mandated that every municipality have a domestic violence team, Perth Amboy's team has been in place since February of 1997. While members were previously trained out-of-house at a cost of \$240 per person, this grant will allow the team to recruit and train members in-house through 30 hours of classroom instruction and 10 hours of hands-on instruction.

Perth Amboy's team of volunteers is on-call 24-hours a day, seven days a week, to respond to domestic violence calls reported to the Perth Amboy Police Department. When a case is reported to the police, the victim is brought to the police station where they are met by a team member who will offer counsel-

ing, advise them of their rights, help them retain a temporary restraining order or shelter, if necessary, and connect them with the county's Women Aware program for long-term support.

All counseling between the victim and the team member is kept strictly confidential, unless there is evidence of suicide, homicide or neglect, in which case it is then reported to the police department. The response team also offers help for the children involved in domestic violence cases in order to help break the cycle of violence that is often perpetuated. Anyone interested in joining the Domestic Violence Response Team or obtaining additional information, may contact Det. Kevin Kenny at 324-3818.

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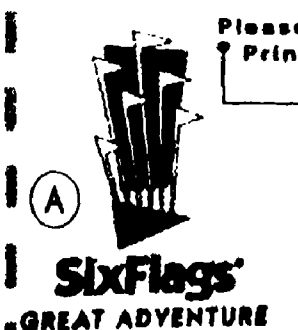
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