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# South Amboy Tax Collector Charged

**SOUTH AMBOY - Longtime** South Amboy Tax Collector Joanne Brennan was arraigned before Superior Court Judge Barnett E. Hoffman on Monday. Brennan is accused of taking thousands of dollars from city coffers.

Ronald Abramowitz, Middlesex County assistant prosecutor, said that Brennan allegedly took more than \$75,000 in funds from citizens paying their tax bills.

South Amboy officials said that Brennan embezzled more

than \$130,000 in city money and engaged in an "intricate scheme" to cover up her activities.

Brennan is charged with official misconduct and theft by failing to make required disposition, both second degree crimes, and could face 10 years in jail if convicted, according Abramowitz.

Brennan pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Last Friday, Superior Court Judge Robert A. Longhi signed an order freezing Brennan's assets. She has also been sus-

pended without pay from her post, according to her attorney, Steven D. Altman.

Brennan, who has been South Amboy's tax collector since 1982, had been on paid medical leave while the city conducted an audit because of discrepancies in tax revenue and finance reports.

Altman says that he has not seen a copy of the audit.

"If it says that there is 'X' amount of dollars missing, it doesn't mean there's going to be proof that Mrs. Brennan is responsible for it," he said.

City officials say that they will recoup the \$130,000 from a surety bond with an insurance company, but they will seek reimbursement of any further losses directly from Brennan.

John McCormac, the city's former chief financial officer and current state treasurer, first noted irregularities in the tax office late last year and reported them to the city administration.

An independent auditor, Gary Higgins, was hired by the city to examine the records.

# **Groundbreaking** Ceremony

METUCHEN — On Sunday, June 23 at 6 p.m., the Rev. Ronald L. Owens and the New Hope Baptist Church will be holding a ground breaking ceremony for their new ministry complex which is estimated to cost three million dollars.

The 10,000 sq. ft. church expansion will include a new fellowship hall, additional classrooms, a new administrative wing and a larger parking lot. These larger facilities will help New Hope better serve their growing congregation and the surrounding community. Light refreshments will be served.

The ceremony will be held at the New Hope Baptist Church, 45 Hampton St., Metuchen, (732) 549-8941.

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# Future Baseball Star Remembers Roots

EDISON-Last week, members of the Edison Boys Baseball League honored one of their former members who now has a shot at the big leagues.

Being honored was township resident Bobby Brownlie, 21, who was selected in the first round of the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft by the Chicago Cubs with the 21st overall pick.

Brownlie, a former Rutgers University pitcher, was honored at a ceremony at the Edison Boys Baseball Complex last Saturday. Brownlie was honored for his contribution to the league and to comemorate his selection in the draft.

The road leading to the complex was renamed in Brownlie's honor and he was presented with George Spadoro and a plaque from the league.

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"I thought I was coming here just to talk to some kids," Brownlie said. "Then I pull into the street and I saw my name on the street sign and I thought it was wild."

"He's been great to this league," said Jim Renner, the league director. "He puts these kids first. He appreciates that he's a role model for these kids."

Brownlie was joined by his grandparents and other family members at the ceremony. Brownlie's 9-year old brother Michael plays in the league.

Brownlie encouraged the young ballplayers to work hard and follow their dreams. "I played in the same fields as you," he said. "If I can do it through hard work, maybe you can be here, too. Just keep working hard and make sure it's fun."

Brownlie had a 22-10 record

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at Rutgers, with a 2.77 ERA. He is the school's all-time strikeout leader, striking out 241 batters.

Brownlie is the highest draft pick to come out out of Middlesex County in the history of Major League Baseball's amateur draft, which dates back to 1969.



## YOUR COUNTY NEWS

# Hospital Association Awards Bayshore President

HOLMDEL In the same month that Bayshore Community Hospital celebrated its 30th anniversary, its president and CEO Thomas Goldman received the coveted Distinguished Leadership Award from the New Jersey Hospital

Association. The award was based on long term service, strength, leadership and a relentless commitment to healthcare.

Goldman, president and CEO of Bayshore Community Health Services has served as chief executive officer of Bayshore

Community Hospital and its affiliates since January of 1971, prior to the hospital's opening. Under his direction the hospital opened in May of 1972 and since that time Bayshore has grown and diversified now offering all points of care along the continuum of care to the people of Central New Jersey.

Under his steadfast leadership the Bayshore family of organizations has grown to include Bayshore Community Hospital: Bayshore Health Care Center; an adult day care program with two campuses, free-standing centers within the community for physical rehabilitation, mammography, diagnostic radiology and wall in primary care services, as well as an arm devoted exclusively to the development of an active primary care network reaching throughout the area.

Under his guidance, Bayshore diversified into senior housing

DISTINGUISHED LEADER—American Hospital Association President Dick Davidson (R.) and New Jersey Hospital Association President Gary Carter (far R.) congratulate Bayshore Community Health Services President and CEO Thomas Goldman on receipt of the Distinguished Leadership Award for more than 30 years of service.

and opened the elegant assisted Center. This unique center comliving residence, The Willows at bines health and wellness initia-Holmdel.

His latest endeavor was the planning and oversight of the Bayshore Fitness and Wellness

tives for the residents of Northern Monmouth County and was one of the first facilities of its kind in the state.

# **Building Contractors Association Presents Safe Contractor Awards**

AREA — The Building Contractors Association of NJ (BCANJ) has presented its highest safety award for 2002 to some 14 member-firms that completed the past year without losing a single workday due to an accident. Fromkin Brothers, Inc., of Edison was among another 11 firms who finished the year with "lost workday incident rates" that were below the national average for the construction indus-

The contracting firms were

honored for safety excellence at the BCANJ's 13th Annual Safety Awards Program, held recently at the Sheraton Hotel in Raritan Center, Edison. Over the past 13 years, the BCANJ has presented more than 200 awards to its member-firms in recognition of their commitment to excellence and safety in the workplace.

"There is no question that a commitment to safety and safe working conditions is the key

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## **New Publications For** Older Adults Sponsored By Bristol-Myers Squibb

MIDDLESEX COUNTY -The NJ Foundation for Aging is sending a new senior publication to older adults in Middlesex County. Renaissance Magazine is a seasoned publication that has been well received for over eight years in Morris, Somerset, Sussex and Warren Counties.

This year the Foundation has affiliated with its editors to expand the readership to over 100,000 seniors in New Jersey. Executive Grace Egan, Director of the Foundation reports that "we are proud to

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**Holiday Deadline INFO** 

Because of the Independence Day holiday, the

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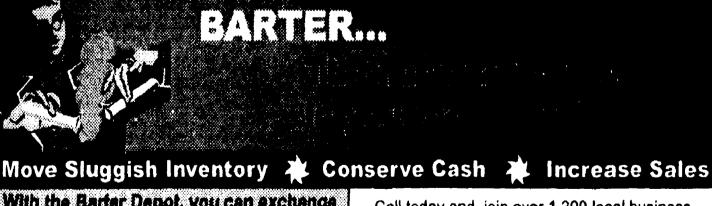
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Local owner Jenny Stankewicz says, "When you diet alone, 40% of the weight you lose is muscle. Muscles are the engines of our bodies that require fuel. If you drastically lower your body's energy needs each time you diet, you will always gain your weight back. The key to permanent results is lean muscle. When a woman loses 20 pounds with us, it is predominantly body fat. Strength training protects and increases lean tissue while raising metabolism. The Curves® workout is strength training women will do."

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Stankewicz says, "We're winning the weight-loss war. A thirty-minute total workout, in a female friendly environment, complete weight-loss guidance, makes health and fitness an achievable goal. Our \$39 monthly fee makes it a great value."

For more information, contact Jenny or Vicky at 732-596-0100.

# Middlesex Water Company Holds Annual Shareholders Meeting

ISELIN — "Middlesex Water Company attained record revenues in 2001 and delivered a positive return on shareholders' investment," said J. Richard Tompkins, Chairman of the Board to stockholders gathered at the Company's Annual Meeting held May 22.

At the meeting, stockholders of the Company voted to re-elect Directors John R. Middleton, M.D., Jeffries Shein and J. Richard Tompkins to three-year terms expiring in 2005 and approved the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as independent auditors for the year 2002. Stockholders also approved an amendment to the Restated Certificate Incorporation increasing the authorized Common Stock from 10,000,000 shares to 20, 000,000 shares. Stockholders attending the meeting or represented by proxy held 83 percent of the 7,658,582 total shares outstanding of common stock.

The meeting included a discussion of progress made by Middlesex Water and its subsidiary companies during 2001, including the Pineland's subsidiaries in Southampton Township, New Jersey, Tidewater Utilities, Inc., in Delaware, as well as the Company's most recent acquisition, Bayview Water Company, Cumberland County, New Jersey.

Dennis G. Sullivan, President, reported on operations highlights including the adequacy of the Company's water supply in the face of drought, infrastructure improvements, a new raw water supply main and subsidiary

the Company's contract operations agreement with the City of Perth Amboy as well as Middlesex Water's role in extending water service to support local redevelopment efforts in Perth Amboy and South Amboy. He also reported on activities at the Company's Delaware subsidiary, Tidewater Utilities, Inc., including a 24 percent increase in the customer

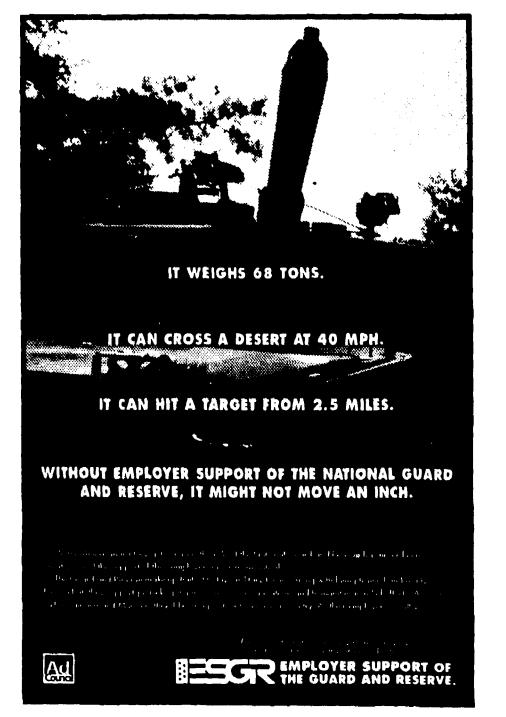
A. Bruce O'Connor, Vice President and Controller, reported on the Company's strong financial results for 2001, earnings per share, stock performance and divided history and the outlook for the remainder of the year. O'Connor discussed rate filings and various factors affecting earnings including customer growth in Delaware, interest rates, drought restrictions and rate relief. He outlined the Company's strategy for continued earnings growth and discussed the Company's low cost

State Revolving Fund.

Middlesex Water Company, organized in 1897, is engaged in the business of supplying water for domestic, commercial, industrial and fire protection purposes. The Company and its New Jersey subsidiaries; Pinelands Water Company and Pinelands Wastewater Company, are subject to the regulations of the Board of Public Utilities of the State of New Jersey. In addition, Utility Service Affiliates (Perth Amboy), Inc., operates the water and wastewater utilities for the City of Perth Amboy. The Company's Delaware subsidiary, Tidewater Utilities, Inc., is subject to the regulations of the Public Service Commission in Delaware. These companies are also subject to various Federal and State regulatory agencies concerning water quality standards. For additional information regarding Middlesex Water Company, visit the Company's web site at www.middlesexwater.com or call (732) 634-1500.





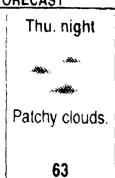


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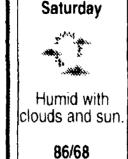
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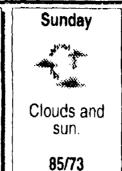


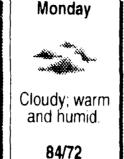




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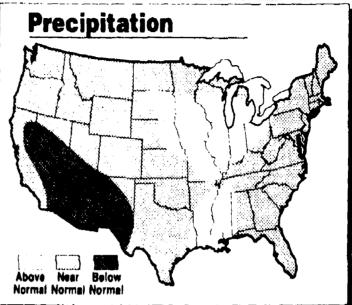
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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 22 and 23 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.—New Jersey Summer Stamp and Postcard Fair will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel. Woodbrige Ave., Raritan Center. Admission is free and there is ample parking, for information, call (732) 247-1093.

June 24-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Immunology and Infestious Diseases Dept. is sponsoring a HIV support group at Raritan Bay Medical Center, 530 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy. Call to register at (732) 324-5082.

June 24 at 7:30 p.m.—The Middlesex Branch of the Lupus Foundation of America, NJ Chapter, will hold its monthly meeting on Mon., June 24, in Room 2 at The East Brunswick Library, 2 Jean Walling Civic Center, East Brunswick. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 201-791-7868. June 26 at 12 noon—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to see "Mama Mia" in New York. Dinner at Tutto Bene, Secausus, family style. Departs at 12 noon. The cost is \$125. All trips leave from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations. June 26 from 7:30-8:30 p.m.-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Marion Tanzman Diabetes Center is sponsoring a free Diabetes Support Group meeting at 530 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy, Raritan Room D on the fourth floor. Call (800) 624-6555 to register.

26-29---St. Stan's June Carnival 2002 will be held at Main St. and MacArthur Ave., Savreville. There will be fun for the entire family. Hours are June 26-27 from 6-11 p.m.; June 28 from 6-12 midnight; and June 29 from 6-11 p.m.

June 27 —"Media, Motivating and Marketing Without Money" will be held at the Radnor Hotel, 591 East Lancaster Avenue (outside of Philly-Route 30, just off Route 476), St. David's PA. Registration deadline is June 25. Call (610) 227-5457 or (609) 737-8157 or register online at www.smalltalkweb.com/nomon ey.

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Giving this bit of Southern prose that lowest common denominator look and feel despite their screen writing pedigrees are Mark Andrus ("As Good As It Gets"-1997) and Callie Khouri ("Thelma and Louise"-1991), who also makes her directorial debut. But while an acknowledged sensitivity to women's issues does not a director make, Miss Khouri's maiden effort stands durable enough for mild diversionary duty at the strip mall multiplex. And that's not all bad.

In the best case scenario, some viewers will have their curiosity piqued by the ensemble cast of pixilated Southern belles headed by Sandra Bullock and Ellen Burstyn. And, perhaps wanting to immerse themselves more fully in the bittersweet molasses of mother-daughter relationships that's at the core of this story, chances are they'll explore the book by Miss Wells. Actually, their scholarship

may take them even further. They may want to get a copy of the author's "Little Altars Everywhere," which Khouri and Andrus also incorporated in fashioning their film version of "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood."

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Khouri's effort conveys the concept of sorority all right, but barely captures the sanctity or the pageantry of the institution the way fans of the book will expect. And in dissecting the motherdaughter rift that evolves when playwright Siddalee Walker is quoted out of context by "Time Magazine," the interplay between Sandra Bullock as the Louisiana expatriate living in New York City and Ellen Burstyn as the overbearing mom only pays lip service to the age-old difference of opinion.

You might as well get used to the expression: "Ya-Ya." The film's shortcomings notwithstanding, be prepared to hear it in the office, on the streets, and in the home. "Ya-Ya." Expect to hear it whenever and wherever there is a rallying cry to sister-hood or simply an affirmation of that secret bond among women. For a while, it may even become a greeting, like shalom or ciao: "Ya-Ya." There's no telling how long the phrase will occupy the fad rung in our vernacular. But

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whether it's a flash in the pan like "Whoops, there it is" or gains true iconic status like "You asked for it...you got it...Toyota," its imminent ubiquity demands you become aware of its origin.

And so here goes:

Once upon a time, per author Wells, there were four adolescent girls who swore eternal faithfulness to one another. They sealed the agreement by cutting their palms and becoming blood sisters in a clandestine ceremony held in the woods and named themselves the Ya-Ya-Sisterhood. Then they grew up. But they kept a scrapbook. And that's a good thing. Because several decades later, when Ya-Ya-Sisterhood members Teensy (Fionnula Flanagan), Caro (Maggie Smith) and Necie (Shirley Knight) take it upon themselves to douse the enmity between Miss Bullock's runaway author and her mom, they have the documents with which to defend their pal Vivi.

The thinking is that Sidda doesn't know what her mother has been through, and that a sisterly

tutorial may make daughter dear more tolerant of domineering mom. So they do what any good friends would do...kidnap their pal's daughter. Unbeknownst to Vivi, they fly to New York where Sidda resides with her betrothed (nicely portrayed by Angus MacFadyen), woo her to dinner, slip her a Mickey, and then bring her back down South. When she awakens, she finds herself at the center of a forced but friendly seminar as her captors take turns relating the Ya-Ya's oral history. Naturally, there is an emphasis on Vivi Walker's life of trials and tribulations. While there are no real standout performances, both in unison and via solos, like celebrated members in a big band, the rather talented ladies entertainingly strut their stuff. Problem is, it's all a bit too convivial.

Of course things are a lot more painful in the flashbacks, played for the most part by a different set of actresses. Thus it follows that the acting style also switches gears, from sorority house party light to long festering injustices heavy. And in what is perhaps the film's most connected performance, Ashley Judd is credible as young Vivi, a bride-to-be visited by the tragedy of war. But then, things feel a bit uncomfortable here, too.

Sure, it would be nice if children, after being completely apprised of all the dysfunctioncausing disappointments experienced by their parents, took a much more tolerant view of the dear folks who bore them. But such pie-in-the sky fantasy goes against the grain of human nature. It's also as dramatically hokey as the mental patient who miraculously sheds her life-crippling fear of chives in cream cheese once it is ascertained what terrible thing her cruel aunt Ada did to precipitate said unthinkable phobia.

"Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," rated PG-13, is a Warner Bros. release directed by Callie Khouri and stars Sandra Bullock, Ellen Burstyn and Ashley Judd. Running time: 116 minutes

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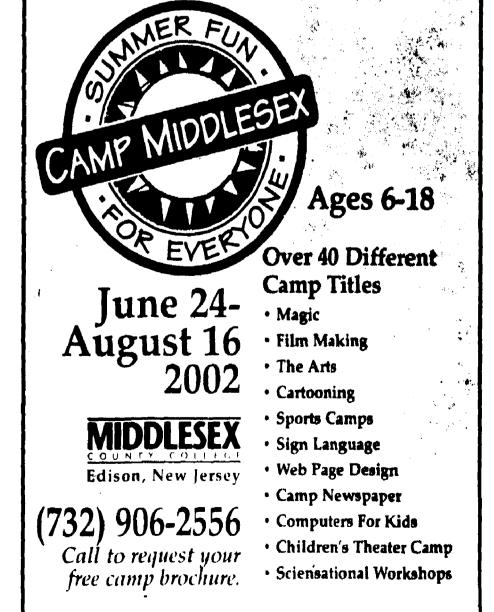
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## YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

# Summer Of Festivals Launch A Taste Of New Orleans

JACKSON --- You don't have to travel to New Orleans and the Caribbean to sample their culture and cuisine. Six Flags Great Adventure will bring these famous locations less than one hour from New York and Philadelphia when they kick-off the first-ever "Summer of Festivals" series on June 19. All entertainment is free with park admission.

#### Mardi Gras Festival- June 19-23

The festivals begin with Mardi Gras and a taste of New Orleans. Guests can listen to Dixieland, ragtime and zydeco bands, as whimsical jesters.

stiltwalkers and fire eaters fill the midways lined with street artists. Elaborate, authentic floats straight from Bourbon Street will enhance the atmosphere.

Made world-famous by a Jimmy Buffet song, the "Sauce Boss", Bill Wharton, a.k.a., "Gumbo Man" will entertain guests with his unique blend of spicy Florida blues music and cooking June 19 21. Wharton and his band will serve up original blues tunes while creating huge amounts of jambalaya, that he serves free to guests after the show.

More native New Orleans

fare will be offered, including crawfish, gumbo, etouffee, Cajun fish and chips, po' boy sandwiches and king cakes.

The Mardi Gras Festival hits a crescendo with Louisiana's own Neville Brothers June 23 in the Northern Star Arena. This Grammy Award-winning group mixes rhythm and blues to create a hometown New Orleans sound. Vocalist Aaron (who recorded 1989's hit duet with Linda Ronstadt, "Don't Know Much") joins Charlie's soulful sax, Art's keyboard and Cyril's percussion and vocals.

#### Caribbean Festival-June 26-30

The pace will turn from fast and frenetic to carefree and relaxing as the Caribbean Festival begins June 26. Guests can mellow-out to calypso and steel drum bands, or learn to limbo island style. All day-street entertainment will also include stiltwalkers and fire eaters.

The Caribbean menu will feature jerk and curried chicken, callaloo patties, plantains, smooth mango soup and curried goat. Dessert and refreshments will cool the taste buds with Jamaican ice and exotic tropical drinks made with island rum.

The Caribbean Festival will culminate with a performance



#### Yolanda Adams

Northern Star Arena June 30. The Bahamian government proclaimed the group their "greatest musical ambassadors" after scoring the Grammy Awardwinning international dance hit "Who Let The Dogs Out."

#### Gospel Jamboree-June 29

Although not an "official" part of the "Summer of Festivals" series, the annual Gospel Jamboree promises a by the Baha Men in the festive atmosphere and top- 928-1821.

name entertainment.

Guests can listen to choir competitions, local and regional performers and tour an array of religious merchandise vendors. Kurt Carr and Yolanda Adams at the Northern Star Arena will perform in the Northern Star Arena June 29.

For updated information on the festivals, visit the Web site at www.sixflags.com or call (732)

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## YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

# Kauchak Promoted At Unity Bank

AREA-Anthony J. Feraro, President, Unity Bank, has announced the promotion of John J. Kauchak to First Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer and Assistant to the President.

Kauchak brings more than 30 years' experience in the banking industry to his new position. He has broad-based expertise in retail banking, including operations, branch establishment and

administration, data processing, sales, mortgages, and customer relations.

Immediately prior to joining Unity Bank in 1996, Kauchak worked for the Resolution Trust Corporation (RTC), the agency created by Congress to sell failed Thrifts. For his cost-cutting accomplishments at that agency, he was twice commended with Special Achievement Awards. Kauchak has also held

various positions at the former First Fidelity Bank of New Jersey and at City Federal Savings and Loan.

His new position will encompass most areas of banking as Unity Bank strives to continue their earnings growth in conjunction with a high level of service to new and existing customers.

Kauchak, who resides in North Plainfield, serves as a

Trustee of the Middlesex County College.

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John Kauchak

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# Don't Wait Until Next April 15 To Start Reducing Your Tax Bill

AREA—The biggest problem with waiting until March or April to start working on your taxes is that you really don't have enough time to do anything that will really make a difference. You're dealing with history that has an inevitable, bottom-line conclusion.

If you'd like to "change history" this year, the time to begin is right now, according to the tax strategy experts at the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA). There are steps you can take-some easy and applicable to almost every taxpayer-that can help you reduce your taxes and be better prepared for the future financially.

Michael Steiner, CPA, of \$1,000 to a 401(k) plan. RegentAtlantic Capital, LLC, in

until the end of the year."

"For anyone who wants to save money or reduce his or her tax bill, retirement accounts like a 401(k) or an IRA are the best deal going," says Brian C. Greenberg, CPA, of Greenberg & Associates, LLC, Marlton. "Max out your 401(k)," Greenberg advises, "especially if your employer is providing any matching funds." The amount that people can contribute to both 401(k) and IRA accounts goes up this year, Greenberg notes, and there are special provisions for people over 50 years of age to make "catch up" contributions to their IRAs. For example, the new law allows taxpayers over the age of 50, to "Move from a reactive mode make an extra contribution of

"Another strategy," says Chatham. Start now. Don't wait Steiner, "is to look into your

deductions. Keep track of all your deductible expenses."

Those expenses can include more than just your out-of-pocket medical expenses, he says. For example, you can also include deductions for travel to and from medical appointments. Certain types of home improvements required for medical reasons, ramps or chair lifts, could also be deductible.

There are other tax-saving strategies that are better practiced throughout the year, rather than in a year-end rush, Steiner says. People who own stock that is performing poorly can get tax benefits when they sell it-a strategy financial planners call tax loss selling. "You may be better off taking a loss now, to proactive tax planning," says \$500 to an IRA account and rather than waiting for the end of the year," Steiner says. "We're very active in moving people out of an asset-though

not necessarily an asset classand taking advantage of dips in the market."

Tax planning is not only for wealthy people, notes Greenberg. "People in low-income groups can receive a benefit of up to 50 percent from the government for their contributions to a traditional IRA account," he says. In one of the less-well known provisions of the 2001 tax code changes, the law provides a significant tax credit to low-income families for qualified contributions to an IRA account. For example, couples filing a joint return with an adjusted gross income under \$30,000 get a 50-cent tax credit for each dollar contributed up to **\$2,000**.

The most important thing for any taxpayer to do, however, is to plan and budget their income in order to take advantage of the opportunities for tax savings.

You need to save and have money available to contribute to maximize the benefits of your 401(k) and IRA accounts, for example. For more information and expert advice, speak with a CPA. For more information on tax planning, visit the NJSCPA website at www.NJSCPA.org. You also can locate a CPA by going to www.findacpa.org.

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# Columbia Bank to Acquire First Jersey Title Services, Inc.

AREA—Columbia Bank announced that it has entered into an agreement to purchase through a subsidiary of the Bank, First Jersey Title Services, Inc., a title insurance agency. Upon completion of the acquisition, First Jersey Title will be a wholly owned subsidiary of the Bank. The acquisition is expected to be completed in the second quarter of 2002. Financial terms of the agreement were not disclosed.

In making the announcement, Columbia President and Chief Executive Officer Raymond Hallock called the purchase "the next strategic step in the evolution of our Bank's full-service concept." First Jersey Title President Scott A. Penque added, "our two organizations have very similar beliefs in the importance of providing quality service. This agreement will

allow us to strengthen our industry position, while still maintaining the high level of service our clients have come to expect." Hallock also noted, "Having access to a title insurance agency, with such established levels of experience, is definitely another Columbia service advantage."

Founded in 1984, First Jersey Title is one of the leading title insurance agencies in New Jersey. The Paramus-based firm,

headquartered at 80 East Ridgewood Avenue, has expertise in all forms of real estate transactions, including residential, commercial and development. Following the acquisition, First Jersey Title will continue to operate under the same trade name, with the same management and customer serv-

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"The Postal Service is proud to honor the men and women who gave their all in the rescue efforts following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11," said OIC Belinda A. Foster. "The Heroes of 2001 stamp will be a lasting tribute to them and a testimony to the spirit and resolve of our great country."

The price of the self-adhesive, non-denominated Heroes of 2001 stamp is 45 cents. As a semipostal, it is valid for postage at the First-Class first-ounce letter rate in effect at the time of purchase (currently 34 cents), with the difference between the sales price of the stamp and the underlying pos-



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tage consisting of a taxdeductible contribution. Funds raised in connection with sales of the stamp, net of the Postal Service's reasonable costs, are to be transferred to the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Designed by Derry Noyes of Washington, D.C., the Heroes of 2001 stamp features a detail of the famous photograph taken by Thomas E. Franklin of three firefighters as they raised the U.S. flag at "Ground Zero." Franklin is a staff photographer at The Bergen Record newspaper.

The nation's first semipostal-the Breast Cancer Research stamp-has raised more than \$25 million for breast cancer research. This stamp and all current stamps and mother philatelic products, as well as a free comprehensive catalog, are available by calling toll free 1 800 STAMP- 24. In addition, a selection of current stamps and gift items are available online at the Postal Store.

Customers have 30 days to obtain the first day of issue postmark by mail. They may purchase new stamps at their local Post Office, by telephone at 1800 STAMP-24, and at the Postal Store at www.usps.com. They should affix the stamps to envelopes of their choice, address the envelopes (to themselves or others), and place them In a larger envelope addressed to: HEROES OF 2001 STAMP. POSTMAS-TER, 421 EIGHTH AVE RM 2029B, NEW YORK NY 10199-9991.

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## YOUR HEALTH NEWS

# **Blood Center Announces Community Blood Drives**

AREA—The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and asking healthy adults to cal and sign up to donate. "Giving blood is safe and simple, and the right thing to do," said Judy Daniels, BCNJ spokesperson. "We encourage all healthy adults to consider donating a pint of blood this season."

Blood center officials are concerned with the upcoming summer session, including the upcoming Fourth of July holiday. "Donations begin to fall dramatically in late June," said Daniels, "and it escalates over the summer months." Daniels noted that there is currently a particularly critical need for type O positive, O negative blood, A negative and B negative blood.

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Jersey is an independent, nonprofit organization supplying blood and blood components to hospitals in northern and central New Jersey. All blood is collected, tested, processed and distributed in New Jersey.

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The dates, times and locations for Middlesex County are: June 26-JFK Medical Center, 65 James Street, Edison from 4-8 p.m.; Friday, June 28-Woodbridge Fire Dept., 418 School Street, Woodbridge from 5-9 p.m.; Saturday, June 29-Masonic Philo Lodge, 120 Old Bridge Turnpike, South River from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday, June 29-Brunswick Square Mall, 755 Route 18, South, East Brunswick from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday, June 30-St. James Church, 41/45 S. Springfield Rd., Springfield from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

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# Torricelli Announces New **Prescription Drug Web Site**

STATE — Senator Robert Torricelli (D-NJ), has announced a new web site designed to give a voice to businesses and individuals expressing concerns over the rising prices of prescription drugs. The site is sponsored by a coalition of leading healthcare consumer groups including Families USA, the Center for Medicare Advocacy, and the American Association for People with Disabilities.

The web site, www.fairdrugprices.org, is as an on-line petition and part of an effort by the coalition to lower prescription prices and provide drug coverage under Medicare. Other features of the web site include a form to contact members of congress, as well as providing an opportunity for citizens to share their stories on the high costs of prescription drugs and how it affects their lives.

"The high cost of prescrip-

tion drugs is a problem for Americans of every age. When our elderly parents or relatives struggle to pay for their prescriptions, the entire family is affected. It is important that Americans share their experiences with the leaders in Congress so we can get a prescription drug benefit passed now," said Torricelli. " This online petition will continue to shed light on why a Medicare prescription drug benefit is critical to our future. I want to thank these organizations for providing people an opportunity to express their views."

Torricelli has been a strong advocate for a Medicare prescription drug benefit. As a member of the U. S. Senate Finance Committee, the Senator will have an opportunity to shape a prescription drug bill as it moves through the Congress.

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### EDITORIAL



ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S Report From Trenton

Sunday, June

16th, we took time out to honor our Fathers. The idea of Father's Day was advanced by Sonora Dodd of Washington State. After listening to a Mother's Day sermon in 1909, she thought of the idea to have a companion holiday set aside with the purpose of honoring Fathers. Sonora's father was a Civil War Veteran who's wife died in the process of giving birth to their sixth child. This widower raised the Dodd family on his own on a rural farm in Washington State.

The first Father's Day was observed in Spokane, Washington on June 19th. which was close to the birthday of Dodd's father. In 1924, President Calvin Coolidge gave support to the idea. In 1966, President Johnson formally established the day by signing the presidential proclaimation which declared the third Sunday of every June Fathers' Day.

The role of the father has changed over time. In ancient Roman times the father was known as the Pater Familias. With this title came the body of rights known as the "Pater modern father we also see a Posetas." Under the jurisdiction expressed in the Pater Posetas, the Roman Father had power over every aspect of his family's life. He had the right

to decide all aspects of his children's fate, including who they married or the trades they engaged in. Marriages where arranged by the Father based primarily on financial implications and Fathers were required to present a dowry when their daughter was married.

The Roman father had the power to dicipline his sons by whipping, imprisonment, or by selling them into slavery. But because of the supreme power possessed by the Father, it was rarely necessary to go to these lengths to dicipline a child.

The role of the Father in Roman times was not limited to discipline. He was also the spiritual leader for the family and regularly performed religious ceremonies for the "household gods." And while the family was subject to his authority, they were also protected and cared for by him.

Since Roman times, the father's role in the family has become somewhat different. Lyndon . However, we can still see vestiges of this period in our own American history. Take for example the role of the father in the 50's television program "Father Knows Best."

> This dad provided for the family, was an adviser to his kids, and in a general sense represented the Pater Familias of ancient times. But in this willingness to accept input from the rest of the family which may not have been present in the Roman family. He's an approachable Dad, quite

> > Sciortinos

unlike the somewhat tyrannical picture which is painted of the Pater Familias. This show, along with others like "Leave it to Beaver" and "The Donna Reed Show," portrayed the dynamic of the patriarch as the head of the family without the severity of power which the Roman Father had.

Since the 1950's, Americas Fathers have come a long way. A drastic transition in the typical role of the father was perhaps first seen in the 1970's when many mothers began to enter the workforce. Now, in the year 2002, the role of the father, while retaining many of its former qualities, has become something new for many people. Today's fathers often share the role of breadwinner with mothers. This has led to a likewise sharing of the domestic responsibilities of the household.

Regardless of whether families follow traditional or modern structure one thing remains the same: Fatherhood is the single most important job a man can have in life. I am lucky enough to be called "Father" by three very special little girls. I try to remain worthy of the title and the responsibility it describes. And I have the best example of how to do it...my own Father. So to my Father, and to all the Fathers, I thank you for a job well done.



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#### Real TV

Remember the grief the media gave Dan Quayle when he dared comment on the thenpopular TV show, "Murphy Brown"? The pundits howled: "He doesn't even realize it's FICTION!" The charge was bogus; however, it does apply to certain fans of NBC's "West Wing," who clearly buy the show's plot lines.

Before an episode about a uranium fuel rod accident, for instance, the New Mexico Department of Energy had to announce: "The scenario you are about to see is completely fictional," to prevent panic. The news release, reports AP, was issued on the governor's official letterhead.

Liberal activists are even 'lobbying' the show. Advocates for a ban on land mines pressured "West Wing" to put the issue in a script. Tony Newman, communications director of the Drug Policy Alliance, says "it was a huge breakthrough for us" when the show's "surgeon general" suggested marijuana wasn't very harmful, and the 'Republicans' to deamonize a natural state of grace when using an illegal-substance.

"President" Josiah Bartlet, played by the far-left Martin Sheen, spouts off the correct liberal talking points on everything from gun control to global warming. The Boston Globe reports: "In his third year (or season) as President, the words and deeds that emanate from (Bartlet's) Oval Office carry genuine political clout, according to activists who work on the issues that fill "West Wing" plots."

Clout? Only with the deluded. In other words, Democrats.

# Readers Commentary

# Road Maps, Pooling, Prevent Accidents

To The Editor:

impediment on our roadways which makes a strong case for utilizing road maps and van pooling — group outings involving multiple vehicles.

The protocol might be to attend a sports, religious, or school event. One or more 'would-be drivers cry out, "I don't know how to get there!" Then another person chimes in with "Follow me!" thus becoming the designated guide in the point vehicle.

Enroute the leader suddenly makes a turn, switches lanes, overtakes another traveling machine. His comrades, taken by surprise and not wanting to get lost, follow suit in reckless abandon. Their vehicles are then jockeyed between traffic, jutting across pavement while "cutting off" those in close proximity.

With more contrivances in the convoy there's greater

with us.

chance for ensuing disaster. We're experiencing a safety Even when all driving courtesies are extended; staying to the right except to pass, signalling in advance, etc., a trip into unfamiliar territory is treacherous at best.

> The next time a group gettogether is planned with only the front-runner in acknowledgement of the correct route, take precautions. Where possible, acquaint yourself with a road map. On the local level county maps can pinpoint strategic locations; they are sold everywhere from convenience stores to pharmacies. Failing that borrow a van, rent a limousine, bus or any type of transportation which can eliminate the risk factor in having disoriented operators driving in a perilous fashion to the detriment of

> > Peter Wagner Colonia

THERE HE IS, HAGAR THE HORRIBLE) "Woodman, spare that tree! Touch not a single bough! In youth it sheltered me, and I'll protect it now. George Pope Morris American Editor

> The above cartoon idea was supplied by Peter Book accompanied with artwork by Rob Barker

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

# 261 Graduate Bishop Ahr HS

EDISON-Bishop George Ahr High School, Edison graduated 261 seniors at ceremonies in the school auditorium. The valedictorian was Ellen Minnihan. The salutatorian was Elizabeth D'Addio. Diplomas were distributed by the school's principal, Sister Donna Marie. The guest speaker was the associate superintendent of the Diocese of Brother Brendan Metuchen. Ramos.

The candidates for graduation

Lindsey Ann Abate, Alexis Espiritu Abrenica, Annarosa Aiello, Christopher Joseph Albert, Christopher James Alfonzo, Jennifer Lynn Ambrosia, Lisa Marie Ambrosini, Carolyn Vita Angeles, Albert Henry Antoine, Jennifer Elizabeth Applegate, Phillip Charles Balderose, Brian Andrew Banasiak, Mainak Bardhan, Casey Ann Batchelor, Michele Bayan.

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Connor Jude Crehan, Joseph Lawrence Cullinan, Deana Ann Cuozzo, Elizabeth Mary D'Addio, Thomas Christopher D'Agostino, Sara Elizabeth De Bartolis, Justin Abaya De Guzman, Jessica De Los Santos, Kristian Ryan Del Rosario, Gina Marie Delesantro, Vanessa Marie DeLusant, John Paul Dempsey, Laura Ann Dengelegi, Kristen Marie Derelanko, Helene Mariann Di lorio.

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# **\$1.1 Million Revitalization** Of Dublin Neighborhood Begins

AMBOY-Perth PERTH Amboy began work recently to cap the revitalization of the Dublin neighborhood in order to remedy the battering caused by years of heavy truck traffic. The \$1.1 million project will bring new life to the historic neighborhood, located in the southwestern

section of the city, now that trucks have been rerouted via the new industrial road that borders the Raritan River.

"For decades this neighborhood was forced to endure the nightmare of tractor trailers barreling through their streets. We (continued on page...20)



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### YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

## **MCC** Announces Sports Camps

EDISON Sports camps at Middlesex County College have announced limited openings in the schedule for July and August. Staffed by College coaches and community and sports professionals, boys and girls from 7 to 18 years old may enroll in nine dif-

ferent camps offering a unique combination of skill building and team play.

"Kids at all levels of ability are grouped by age and skill in basketball, tennis, softball, wrestling, soccer, cheerleading and baseball," said Jim Kahora, senior faculty member in the department of Physical Education at the College and founding member of the sports camps program. "Not only do they learn how to play the game, good sportsmanship and self-respect, they also become proficient and competent while having a very good time."

Each one-week camp session includes coaching in the sport as well as time to play actual games that complement the drills and instruction during the five-hour day. After lunch, campers may choose to swim in the College's Olympic-size pool. Every camper receives a free camp tee shirt.

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For a complete schedule, in-

cluding camp descriptions, availabilities and fees, contact the Physical Education Center at Middlesex County College, 732.906.2558. For registration, general information and a brochure of additional specialty camps, contact the Division of Corporate and Community Education at 732.906.2556.

# Teachers Should Save Receipts For New Tax Deduction

STATE — The Internal Revenue Service is advising teachers to save their receipts for purchases of books and classroom supplies. These out-of-pocket expenses may lower their taxes, thanks to a recent change in the law.

"Many teachers dip into their own pockets when funds for classroom supplies run out before the school year does," said Gregg Semanick, IRS Spokesperson in New Jersey. "A new law gives them a tax break this year and next, and we want them to have the records they'll need to claim it on their returns."

The new deduction is available to eligible educators in both public and private elementary and secondary schools. They must work at least 900 hours during a school year as a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal or aide.

Taxpayers may subtract up to

\$250 of qualified expenses when figuring their adjusted gross income (AGI). They will not need to itemize deductions to get this benefit. Prior to the change in the law, educators could take such expenses only as miscellaneous itemized deductions, which must be reduced by two percent of the AGI.

Educators who excluded education savings bond interest or payments from qualified tuition programs, or made tax-free withdrawals from an education savings account, will be able to claim the new deduction only to the extent their qualified expenses exceed the tax-free amounts.

The IRS suggests that educators keep records of qualifying expenses in a folder or envelope with a label such as "Educator Expenses Deduction," noting the date, amount and purpose of each purchase. This will help prevent a missed

deduction at tax time.

Details on this and other new tax law changes are in IRS Publication 3991, "Highlights of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002," available on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676). More information about these new tax law changes is also available by calling the IRS toll-free help line at 1-800-829-1040.

# Area Student Honored For Academic Excellence At Syracuse University

AREA—Michael Czabaj of Avenel was recently honored at the Programs Rooted in Developing Excellence (PRI-DE) Program for academic excellence in the L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University.

The PRIDE Program challenges and supports students with experiences and opportunities that will ensure their success well beyond the Syracuse

Caldwell Colleges Names Students To Dean's List

CALDWELL Caldwell College recently named 193 students to the fall 2001 Dean's List, according to Paul Douillard, Ph.D., of Randolph, vice president and dean of academic affairs. In order to achieve this honor, students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 or higher and complete at least 12 credits during the semester. There were 76 seniors, 37 jun-

iors, 44 sophomores, 36 freshmen named to the Dean's List.

The following Middlesex County residents were named to the Dean's List: seniors Kristin Blahuta and Nicole LaMorte and junior Eden Woredekal of Edison, junior Courtney Eddington and freshman Melanie Smyth of Iselin, seniors Lora Bucior of Perth Amboy and Barbara Stilwell of Woodbridge.

University campus. The program supports all students in the College of Engineering and Computer Science, with particular emphasis on women and students of color. PRIDE honors these students for their outstanding academic and leadership excellence. Students are honored on four levels; Circle of Pre-eminence, Circle of Excellence, Circle of Honors and Circle of Achievement. All of the students honored at the PRIDE reception are active members of PRIDE organizations or college

student honor societies.

The L.C. Smith College of Engineering and Computer Science at Syracuse University is nationally recognized for excellence in education and research. Diverse programs and learning opportunities prepare students for professional careers in aerospace, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, environment and mechanical engineering, bioengineering, engineering physics, computer science, and systems and information science.

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as a private, coeducational institution of higher education, Syracuse University is a leading student-centered research university. Syracuse's 11 schools and colleges share a common mission: to promote learning through teaching, research, scholarship, creative accomplishment and service while embracing the core values of quality, caring, diversity, innovation and service. The 680-acre campus is home to more than 18,000 full- and part-time undergraduate and graduate students from all 50 states and 90 countries.

Czabaj is a sophomore majoring in aerospace engineering.

# University Of Scranton Dean's List

AREA—The University of Scranton has announced the Dean's List, which recognizes students for academic excellence, during the 2001

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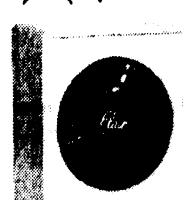
must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a minimum of credit hours to make the Dean's List. The list includes students from the College of Arts and Sciences, the Kania School of Management, the Panuska College

of Professional Studies and

Dexter Hanley College.

Area residents named to the Dean's List are: Thomas J. Boychuk, Parlin, Sophomore, Accounting; Nicole E. Negowetti, Edison, Senior, Political Science; Adam T. Ropelewski, South Amboy, Sophomore, History; and Meagan M. Ross, Edison, Junior, Physical Therapy.

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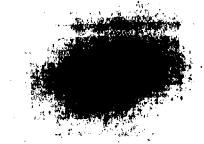
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## OBITUARIES

#### Michael San Filippo of Iselin

Mr. Michael San Filippo of Howell died June 1 at home. He was 87.

Born in Newark, he lived in Iselin for 35 years before moving to Howell five years ago.

He owned Garden View Homes Building Contractors in Iselin for 30 years before retiring in 1977.

Surviving are a son, Philip; daughters, Mary Joan Finaldi and Francine; sisters, Grace Mango and Rose Fiorello; eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### Calisto Venerus,89 of Woodbridge

Mr. Calisto Joseph Venerus of Woodbridge died June 2 at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center in Plainfield. He was 89.

Born in Cordenons, Porenone, Italy, he was a lifelong resident of Woodbridge.

Mr. Venerus owned and operated Venerus Tile Co. in Woodbridge for 60 years before retiring 10 years ago.

He was a communicant of St. James R.C. Church Woodbridge.

Three brothers, Edward, John and Ernest Venerus, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 63 years, Julia Kish Venerus; a daughter, Rosemary McCrae of Colts Neck; two sons, Ernest Venerus of Rexford, N.Y., and Joseph Venerus of Ballston Lake, N.Y.; two sisters, Marie Migliore of Raleigh, N.C., and Catherine Olsen of Woodbridge; three grandchildren, 14 greatgrandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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# Mildred Wood, 76

of Iselin

Mrs. Mildred (Merfert) Wood of Iselin died June 1 at home. She was 76.

Born in Newark, resided with her family in Iselin for the past 51 years.

She was a graduate of Irvington High School.

Her parents, Elsie and Otto L. Spitz; a brother, Frank Spitz, are all deceased.

Surviving are her husband, Joseph; a son, Steven of Iselin; three daughters, Joanne Phillips and Linda Lovallo, of Beachwood, and Cathy De-Vinney, of Bayville; a brother, Walter Merfert of Bricktown: a sister, Lillian Bechtle of Westfield, and six grandchildren, Jason, Justin and Jonathan Lovallo, Carrie-Jo Phillips, and Ryan and Brandon Wood.

### Jean Burns, 44 of Edison

Mrs. Jean (Kurtanik) Burns of Greer, S.C., (formerly of Edison) died June 5 in California. She was 44.

Born in New Brunswick, she lived in Edison most of her life.

Her father, Thomas, died in 1993.

Surviving are her husband of seven years, Roger Burns of Greer, S.C.; her mother, Flora Kurtanik of Edison; three sisters, Theresa of Spotswood, Judy of Johnstown, Pa., and Mary Latella of North Plainfield; two brothers, Thomas of Gulfport, Miss. and Jesse of Old Bridge.

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#### Edward J. Kuzma, 74 of Woodbridge

Mr. Edward J. Kuzma of Manchester, (formerly of Woodbridge) died June 1 at Brick Hospital in Brick. He was 74.

Born in Homestead, Pa., he lived in Carteret for 25 years and in Woodbridge for 46 years before moving to Manchester three years ago.

He was a lab technician for Celanese Corp. in Summit for 45 years, retiring in 1990.

Mr. Kuzma was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of the Hungarian-American Citizens Club of Woodbridge and the Carpatian-Russian Citizens Club of Carteret. Mr. Kuzma was also a member of St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church in Carteret.

Surviving are his former wife, Esther H. Gyenes of Atlantic Highlands; his son, Stephen Kuzma of Cohasset, Mass.; his daughter, Christine Carter of Fairhaven; his sister, Dolores Herila of Carteret, and four grandchildren, Trevor, Sean, Tara and Christopher.

# Stanley Sakowski

of Sayreville

Mr. Stanley F. Sakowski, of Sayreville died June 4 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 81.

Born in Sayreville, he lived there all his life.

He was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church in Sayreville. Mr. Sakowski attended St. Stanislaus Grammar School and was an altar server at the church.

He was a pipefitter for Hercules Corp. in Parlin for 40 years before retiring 20 years ago and was a member of the Hercules 25-Year Club.

Mr. Sakowski served in the Merchant Marine during World War II.

He was an accomplished golfer, having played in the Pro Am with Bruce Devlin. He was an avid sports enthusiast, competing in several billiard tournaments in Middlesex County.

His wife, Florence (Walas) Sakowski, died Saturday, June 1, 2002. He was also predeceased by his brother, Thomas Sakowski.

He is survived by many nieces.

# G. Gonzalez, 71 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Guillermina (Jimenez) Gonzalez, is deceased. Gonzalez of Perth Amboy died June 3 in Miami. She was 71.

Born in San Sebastian, Puerto Rico, she lived in Perth Amboy for 45 years before moving to Miami eight months ago.

Mrs. Gonzalez was a communicant of Our Lady of Fatima R.C. Church in Perth Amboy, under whose auspices she served as a volunteer home visitor in her community. She was a member of the church's Rosary Society.

husband, Crispin grandchildren. Her

Surviving are Maria Lopez of Perth Amboy, Belinda Gonzalez and Jesus Gonzalez, both of Miami, Anna Rodriguez of Flanders, Dionisio Gonzalez of Montclair and Rafael Gonzalez of Somerset. She was the sister of Migdalia and Marcil Serrano, Luz and Mike Arocho, Gilberto, Ismael, Gino, Frank, Abraham and Jimmy Jimenez; seven grandchildren and two great-

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# Florence Sakowski

of Sayreville

Mrs. Florence (Walas) Sakowski of Sayreville died June 1 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. She was 75.

Born in Sayreville, she lived there all her life.

She worked in the film processing department at Du Pont Industries in Parlin for 40 years before retiring in 1982.

Mrs. Sakowski was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kosta R.C. Church Sayreville.

Three sisters, Mary Render, Helen Helpa and Frances Wargo, are all deceased.

Her husband, Stanley Sakowski, died June 4, 2002.

Surviving is her brother, Frank Walas Jr. of Germany, and four nieces, Dorothy Hagymasy of East Brunswick, Cynthia David of Fords, Liese Anne Helpa of Sayreville and Stefanie Batko of Morganville.

## Frank Koval, 83

of Perth Amboy

Frank Koval of Perth Amboy died June 10 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 83.

Born in Sayreville, he was a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy, and a graduate of Perth Amboy High School.

He was employed by the U.S. Government as an ammunition inspector at Raritan Arsenal for 20 years before his retirement.

He also was active with the Civilian Conservation Corps.

He was a communicant of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy and was a member and financial secretary of the Ukrainian Catholic War Veterans and Senior Citizens Club of the church.

He was the husband of the late Rose Kocun Koval, and son of the late Michael and Mary Koval. He was also predeceased by two brothers, John and Steve Koval.

He is survived by his daughter, Kathryn Donelon of Highland Park; two brothers, Nicholas Koval of Carteret, and Joseph Koval, of Parlin. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

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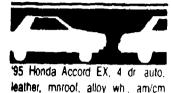
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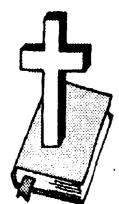
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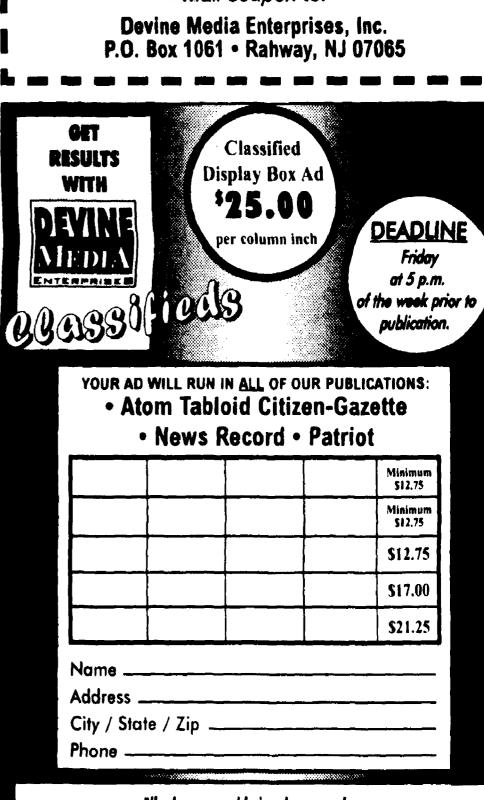
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## YOUR LOCAL NEWS

# \$1.1 Million Revitalization continued...

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made good on our word and successfully built an industrial road to remove these trucks. Now we are fulfilling our promise to restore the quality of life in this neighborhood with a completely new infrastructure," said Mayor Joseph Vas.

Defino Contracting Company of Cliffwood Beach, will be overseeing the project, which will include a complete milling and resurfacing of the following streets south of Market Street including: Oak, Grant, Gordon, Prospect, Meade, Colfax, Walnut, Sherman, Olive and Sheridan.

In addition, each street will receive new sidewalks, along with new Belgian block curbing and

new trees. The entire project is expected to be completed within 30 days of its commencement. During the interim, residents are advised to be aware of "No Parking" signs that will be posted as the project moves through the neighborhood.

The project will be a welcome relief to a neighborhood that has been pounded for over two decades by nearly 400 heavy trucks per day that were enroute to the neighboring Co-Steel Raritan plant on Elm Street. Now that the industrial road has diverted these trucks from the residential streets, the reconstruction project will cap off the revitalization of the Dublin neighborhood.

# McCarrick High School Graduates 107

SOUTH AMBOY Cardinal McCarrick High School graduated 107 seniors during a June 1 ceremony held in the school gymnasium. The valedictorian was Cristina Prumos. The salutatorian was Karen Szabunia. Diplomas were distributed by Principal Frank Ianniruberto.

The candidates for graduation are:

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Matthew George Kopacz, David K. Kouvas, Daniel Piotr Kubiak, Rae Ann Kukulski, Karolina Wanda Kwiatkowska, Gregory Latham, Paulina Beatrice Levinzon, John Edward Mac Kay III, Patricia Ann Mackiel, Thomas James Mahoney Jr., Kristen Marie Malek, Jaime Marie Marcinczyk, Zuleima Lee Martin, Jessmill Martinez, Lauren Mastromonaco, Rebecca Ann Melega, Jason

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