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## Ferry Service Arriving Soon

PERTH AMBOY—The city received the last permit needed to begin construction of a high speed ferry service, Mayor Joseph Vas announced earlier this week.

Construction could begin within two weeks on a terminal and dock facilities to bring highspeed ferry service to Manhattan to the city before year's end.

"We are extremely excited to begin the long-awaited construction of our ferry terminal so that we can bring this highly anticipated service to life," the mayor said. "When completed, it will have an enormous impact on commuting life in Central New Jersey, helping to ease traffic on our highways and provide

commuters with a headache-free alternative to automobiles and trains."

Lighthouse Fast Ferry, the city's designated ferry operator, will construct all the necessary shoreline elements to support docking facilities off of Sheridan Street and Riverview Drive.

Plans call for a floating dock terminal, and indoor waiting area, ticket booth, and 450 free parking spaces for commuters. The facilities will support the operation of two 250-passenger ferries that will make the trip to Manhattan in about 40 minutes.

Two stops will be made in Manhattan, one at Pier 34 along the East River and another at Pier 11/Wall Street. For the

morning rush hour, there will be three hourly departures from Perth Amboy starting at 6 a.m. In the evening, there will be four hourly departures from

Manhattan starting at 4:15 p.m.

Weekend trips to baseball games, West Point, and other special events are also planned.

## SERA, NL Industries **Head To Court**

SAYREVILLE—The Sayreville Economic and Redevelopment Agency and NL Industries will go to court this fall to determine the future of a long-dormant paint pigment plant on Chevalier Avenue.

SERA moved to condemn the 427-acre brownfield property after NL industries rejected two offers to buy the property - one for \$10.6 million, the second for \$3.97 million.

The redevelopment agency hopes to replace the factory with office and commercial development that could bring in up to \$20 million in taxes.

NL Industries has filed a

complaint, saying that SERA is trying to get out of paying the full market value of the property. As part of the condemnation proceedings, SERA has deposited \$3.97 million in state Superior Court in New Brunswick.

In a suit filed on June 27, NL Industries contends that SERA needs to deposit \$32 million with the court - the full market value of the property. SERA subtracted the estimated cleanup costs to arrive at its figure.

The matter will be heard on Sept. 4, Mayor Kennedy O'Brien said, calling the move a stalling tactic on the part of NL Industries.

## Four Centuries By The Bay

Royal Garden Club by the Bay in Perth Amboy is pleased to announce that their "Four Centuries by the Bay" house and garden tour will take place on Sunday, July 28. As the title suggests, historic buildings as well as modern homes and gardens will be featured.

Tickets may be purchased for

PERTH AMBOY — The \$20 on the day of the tour at St. Peter's Parish House on Rector Street. Maps and descriptive booklets will be distributed to all ticket holders at St. Peter's Parish House between 10:30 a.m. 1:30 p.m. The tour will take place from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. A bus will be available for those who prefer to leave their cars behind.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT HONORED—The School of Architecture (SOA) at New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) recently honored students at the annual awards ceremony for outstanding contributions to the school as well as outstanding examples of student efforts. Wai Lung Choi, Edison, received an award for overall achievements in academic, design, history, theory, technology and courses in arts and science. The New Jersey Society of Architects, Trenton, sponsored the award.



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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

## The Check Is In The Mail: Senior Property Tax Reimbursement Checks To Go Out

AREA---Senator Joseph F. Vitale, Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski and Assemblywoman Arline Friscia (all D-19) announced the Division of Taxation has begun mailing 2001 Property Tax Reim-bursement checks to a record number of

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senior citizens. "The Property Tax Reimbursement program provides much needed assistance to the elderly and disabled," said Senator Vitale.

"I am pleased that this program will benefit even more deserving residents this year."

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"Legislators have a responsibility to help those on fixed incomes who may struggle to pay their property tax bills. Thanks to recent increases in levels of eligibility for the Property Tax Reimbursement Program, the state is now able to issue reimbursement checks to more senior and disabled people than ever before," said Assemblyman Wisniewski.

"Tax reimbursement checks go out at a time that many fixedincome families and individuals them most," need said Assemblywoman Friscia. "Recent changes in the eligibility parameters have made access to benefits easier, a development from which the disabled and senior citizens can take advantage from to aid in their effort to pay property taxes."

Despite a large budget deficit, \$18 million in Property Tax Reimbursement checks are going out on July 15. This represents a seventy percent increase over last years levels.

In 2000, the income levels for eligibility were more than doubled from previous year levels. This increase allowed more seniors and disabled people to receive reimbursements for their property taxes than ever before.

In order to be eligible for the 2001 rebate, individuals must be over 65 or receiving disability benefits as of Dec. 31, 2000 and must have annual incomes in 2001 less than \$38,475 for singles or \$47,177 for married cou-

To file a claim, individuals need to have lived in their homes since January 1, 1998 and in New Jersey continuously since Jan. 1, 1991. The home for which the reimbursement is claimed must be a principal residence and owners need to have paid the full amount of property taxes due for both 2000 and 2001.

Applicants who have questions or who would like to check the status of their reimbursement checks may call 1-800-882-6597 or can go to the Division of website Taxation at www.state.nj.us/treasury/ taxation/propfrez.htm or can contact the District Offices of 19th District Legislators at the following numbers: Senator Joseph F. Vitale-(732) 855-7441; John Assemblyman S. Wisniewski-(732) 316-1885 or Assemblywoman Arline Friscia-(732) 634-2526.

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#### COUNTY—The Rutgers ing students within Newark University campus at Newark has

recognized 113 high achieving students who graduated from its Honors College, and/or were inducted into national honor societies, this spring.

Twenty students graduated as participants of the Honors College. The Honors College is a four-year, undergraduate collegewithin-a-college. Participants are selected from the highest achievCollege of Arts and Sciences (NCAS) and the evening division-University College (UC-N). In order to graduate, students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.6 and seniors must complete an honors project.

The Alpha Chapter of the National Honor Society of Phi Beta Kappa honored 71 students as new members. Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Rutgers-Newark students have been accepted as members of the Alpha Chapter since 1958. The Alpha Chapter recognizes students with a distinguished scholastic achievement in Liberal Arts at both the NCAS and UC-N.

The Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society recognized 13 UC-N students. Alpha Sigma Lambda was established in the winter of 1945-46 at Northern University. The Gamma Lambda Chapter honors adult students who achieve a minimum cumulative gradepoint-average of 3.5 while simultaneously facing the challenges of handling home and work.

The National Criminal Justice Honor Society of Alpha Phi Sigma recognized nine Rutgers-Newark students. Alpha Phi Sigma is a national Criminal Justice honor society. Admitted students must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a minimum criminal justice GPA of 3.2. Students must also rank in the top 35 percent of their classes. The Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma was charted at Rutgers-Newark in the spring of 2001.

The following are Phi Beta Kappa honor students from Middlesex County: Suzanne J. Atteberry of Colonia; James J. Reilly of Port Reading and William Shaver of Sayreville.



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## YOUR COUNTY NEWS

#### **University Of Scranton Holds Commencement**

AREA—The University of Scranton conferred 827 bachelor's and associate's degrees at the Undergraduate Commencement. University President Joseph M. McShane, S.J., presented the degrees at the ceremony at the First Union Arena at Casey Plaza, Wilkes-Barre.

The following students have received degrees:

Robert J. Hugelmeyer of

Woodbridge, BA, History; Jason Kosmaczewski of Sayreville, BA, Communication; Mark J. Malczynski of Iselin, BS, Health Sciences; Nicole E. Negowetti of Edison, BS, Political Science, Summa Cum Laude; Cori B. Shwailik of BS, International Fords, Business; and Kathleen M. Stiles, Iselin, BS, Finance.

#### **Local Resident Wins** Honors From Verizon Wireless

MIDDLESEX COUNTY -Middlesex County resident Kamilla Gruber, an administrative assistant at Verizon Wireless, has received the company's President Award for Excellence which recognizes employees for exceptional teamwork, leadership and outstanding customer service.

Gruber was honored for her role in opening over 20 new retail locations last year in the New York Metro area. She and other members of the store operations team planned and managed all

aspects of opening the new stores, including leases, construction and merchandising, to make shopping for wireless products and services easier and more convenient for customers. The new stores created more than 300 sales and customer service positions as well as business opportunities for local building, architectural and real estate firms.

Gruber was one of 11 Verizon Wireless employees to receive the President's Award for Excellence.

## Middlesex County 4-H Celebrates 100 years at the Fair

MIDDLESEX COUNTY— etc. (4-H Event Tent) Don't miss out on this once in a lifetime celebration of 100 years of 4-H!

To commemorate a century of service to the community, there will be special events at the County Fair on Friday, Aug. 9 beginning at 7 PM in the 4-H Event Tent.

To help celebrate the event will be 4-H alumni, current members and leaders as well as local legislators. There will be a formal welcoming of 4-H families and guests, presentations by 4-Hers, a "Birthday" cake for 4-H, demonstrations by 4-11 clubs, a presentation of items for, and finally the burying of the time capsule.

Other 4-H events that can be found at the Middlesex County Fair include:

Kids Night - Wed. Aug 7, 7 PM open to the public. There will be games, face-painting, balloons,

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4-H Ambassador Thurs. Aug. 8 8:30 PM (4-H Event Tent) Speaking Event

Alumni Gathering - Sat. August 10, 2-5 PM (4-H Center)

Animal Costume Event- Sat. Aug. 10 6PM, small animals (4-H Event Tent); Sun. Aug. 11th 11AM, horses (4-H Horse Ring)

For more information, please contact the Middlesex County 4-H office at (732) 745-3446.

4-II offers educational programs to all youth, grades K through 13 on an age appropriate basis, without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or disabili-

## Franklin Elementary School Named Top 2002 Jump Rope For Heart School In Middlesex County

Franklin Elementary School did their best to fight New Jersey's number one and number three causes of death- heart disease and stroke-by putting their jumping ability to good use when they participated in the 23rd annual American Heart Association Jump Rope For Heart this year. Franklin Elementary School students participated in Jump Rope For Heart this spring and raised \$10,926.50 for the American Heart Association. The efforts of these young people help to support the critically important mission of the American Heart Association to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Franklin Elementary School Plainfield South was Middlesex County's top Jump Rope For Heart school this year, followed by Greenbrook Elementary School in Kendall Park (\$8,365.00); Arleth Elementary School in Parlin (\$7,872.05); Harry S. Truman Elementary School in Parlin \$6,102.90); Lindeneau Elementary School in Edison (\$4,217.00); and Southwood Elementary School in Old Bridge (\$4,160.00). Now wrapping up its 23rd year, Jump Rope For Heart has been co-sponsored annually by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Since 1979 Jump Rope For Heart has grown to reach more than 25,000 schools across the nation, involving close to 1.8 millions students annually. More than 525 New Jersey schools this

MIDDLESEX COUNTY -- Heart Association Jump Rope For Heart, raising close to \$1.4 million.

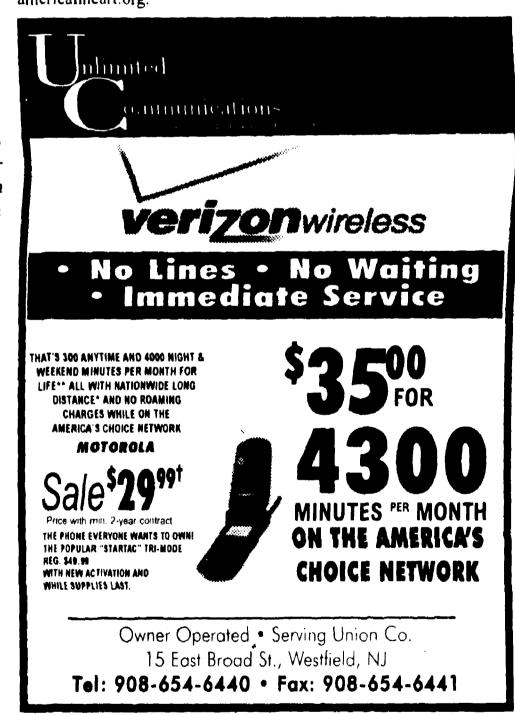
The funds students raise will help support American Heart Association-funded research as well as educational and community programs. Over the years, American Heart Association—funded research has led to such heart milestones as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, bypass surgery, pacemakers, artificial heart valves, microsurgery, life-extending drugs and much more.

For more information about Jump Rope For Heart or other programs, contact your local American Heart Association office or visit online at www. americanheart.org.

### Sept. 11 Support Group

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Jewish Family & Vocational Service of Middlesex County is offering a support group for 9/11 World Trade Center survivors and displaced workers. This group offers individuals an opportunity to talk about the impact of the 9/11 tragic events on their life, share the emotional turmoil they have experienced and develop new ways of coping.

The Support Group meets on an ongoing basis on Monday evenings, 8:00 p.m., **JFVS** Center Individual & Family Growth, 515 Plainfield Ave., Suite 201. There is no charge for this group that is facilitated by Nancy Schley, LCSW. To register, call 732-777-1940 ext. 112.



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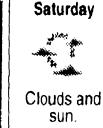


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Thu. night Patchy clouds

Friday Clouds and sun.

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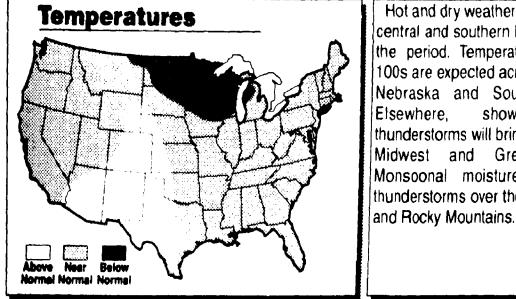
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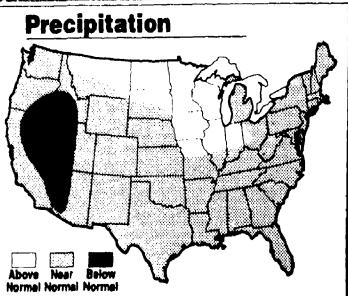


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THE WEEK AHEAD..

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#### COMMUNITY **CALENDAR**

July 29—HIV Support group meets at Raritan Bay Medical Center. Call (732) 324-5082 to register.

July 30 at 9:30 a.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to the Hawaiian Luau at Jefferson House, Lake Hopatcong. This trip includes a boat ride and costs \$46 per person. All trips leave from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations. August 14 at 8:30 a.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to Smithville for a lunch, show and shopping, also Taj Mahal Casino (4 hour) package. The bus departs from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. Cost is \$45. Make checks payable to Holy Family Holy Name Society. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations. August 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pathfinder Counsulting Group announces its popular Mega Job Fair at the Sheraton, 6 Industrial Way (East) and Route 35, Eatontown. Call (732) 542-6500 for more information or log onto www.megajobfair.net.

August 17 & 18—A German-American Festival will be held rain or shine, under the big tent, at Schuetzen Park, 3167 Kennedy Blvd., North Bergen. Call (201) 865-0868 for more information.

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Among the popular summertime destinations served by NJ Transit featured in the guide are;

- Six Flags Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor.
- Aquarium.
  - Liberty Science Center.
- American Ballet Theatre at Metropolitan Opera House.
- John Harms Center for the Arts in Englewood.
- Monmouth Park and Meadowlands race tracks.

- MetroStars soccer games at Giants Stadium.
- The Jersey Shore, including beach packages to beaches in Monmouth, Ocean and Atlantic counties.
- Atlantic City and Philadelphia.

Customers heading to Six Flags Great Adventure and Hurricane Harbor can save up to 46 percent by riding NJ Transit. In addition, the Corporation has added the No. 307 route from Freehold and the No. 309 route from Toms River, two local routes that provide service to the park with stops at Freehold Raceway Mall and the Jackson Outlet Village.

NJ Transit kicked off its Great Adventure No. 308 and No. 318 bus service and admission discounts in late March when the park opened. • The New Jersey State The No. 308 departs from the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Newark Penn Station. NJ Transit's No. 318 bus service operates to the park from Philadelphia and Camden.

> Customers may purchase NJ Transit beach packages at ticket vending machines or at

ticket windows in Penn Station New York, Newark Penn Station Hoboken and Terminal. The beach packages include round-trip transportation and admission to beaches in Long Branch, Asbury Park, Ocean Grove, Bradley Beach, Belmar and Manasquan.

The cost for a beach package from Hoboken Terminal and Newark Penn Station is \$13 and \$16.50 from Penn Station New York. The packages will be sold through Sept.

In addition, NJ Transit offers bus service to Seaside Heights and Seaside Park on the No. 67 express route form Newark Penn Station or Journal Square in Jersey City, and from the Port Authority Bus Terminal in New York on port customers to "America's

the No. 137 bus. Passengers who want to visit Island Beach State Park can ride the No. 137 route from the Port Authority Bus Terminal on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

Traveling to Cape May or neighboring Wildwood is as easy as hopping on NJ Transit's No. 316 or No. 313/315 routes from Philadelphia's Greyhound Terminal, the Walter Rand Transportation Center in Camden or the Avandale Park-and-Ride. Customers traveling from New York's Port Authority Bus Terminal or Newark Penn Station and Jersey City's Journal Square, can take the No. 319 bus to Cape May and Wildwood.

NJ Transit can also trans-

Favorite Playground," Atlantic The Corporation's City. Atlantic City Rail Line trains operate between 30th Street Station in Philadelphia and the Atlantic City Rail Terminal. NJ Transit bus service to Atlantic City is available from Philadelphia's Greyhound Bus Terminal on the No. 551 bus route. From New York City and Newark, NJ Transit's No. 319 bus operates to Atlantic City from the Port Authority Bus Terminal and Newark Penn Station. The No. 319 route also has limited service from Jersey City.

For more information, customers can visit the special promotions page at www. nitransit.com or call 1-800-626RIDE for a free Summer Fun Guide.

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number of motorists who are in violation of New Jersey's Compulsory Automobile Insurance Law is an important step in resolving NJ's current automobile insurance crisis. It is estimated that almost

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memory and win back his

heart. Meanwhile, Livvie

expanded her web of lies,

prompting Rafe to insist on

taking her to the hospital.

Alison later overheard the

results of Livvie's tests. Tim

told Ian the legend about the

Avatar. Wait to See: Rafe

makes a commitment. Livvie

lives in fear. Marissa uncov-

THE YOUNG

AND THE RESTLESS

left town without giving him

an answer to his proposal.

Julia and Ramona joined with

Hope in threatening a lawsuit

against Leanna (for the Victor

expos) unless she issued an

apology. Ashley felt her can-

cer was creating tension in

her marriage to Brad. Wait to

See: Sharon continues to

react to news about Diego

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and Victoria.

Victor was upset that Nikki

ers the truth.

Rafe sent Alison mixed

essence

Harmony.

Zombie

Brian's race car exploded

about "Viki's" alibi.

Asa

ONE LIFE TO LIVE Larry reported that Ben had come out of his coma. Later, to "Viki's" (Niki) chagrin, Ben appeared to regain his memory when "Viki" accused Natalie of pushing Ben out the window. At the award ceremony, Rae was devastated when revealed that Dr. Cummings is a man. Rae later tried to clarify the situation by admitting she's not a therapist. Blair finally alerted Troy to her ulterior motive just as Starr and Sam walked in. Wait to See: Ross finds a way to get off the island. Nora overhears a shocking mes-

Ned came to Alexis' defense by telling Sonny that he (Ned) is the father of Alexis' expected baby. Alexis agreed to go along with Ned's lie despite the serious consequences. Later, Sonny discovered Carly made good on her threat to leave him. Laura picked up bad vibes from dropped as Laura told Luke See: Elizabeth fears for

#### **GUIDING LIGHT**

Reva decided to confide in Josh. Michelle's suspicions got the best of her. Beth began digging in her own past. Richard realized he could have a second chance at life. Wait to See: Lillian has bad news. Danny takes action. Rick comes face-toface with Cassie.

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at his place. Brooke told Whip she's making changes in her life and that includes her marriage to him. Ridge's attack on Rick and Amber prompted Eric to approve Rick's idea to sell their fashions on the TeleSave Network. Sheila came up with an idea to hurt Amber after meeting Ziggy's friend, Lance. Wait to See: Ridge takes a potentially disastrous

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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

for Maureen to confirm that

she's not really the long-

missing Maria. Meanwhile,

Simone shocked Edmund by

revealing Brooke and Tad's

Edmund to set out to prove

Simone was wrong. Brooke

fainted after seeing "Maria,"

just as Edmund arrived to

find Brooke in Tad's arms.

Joe refused to tell Erica and

Opal the seriousness of

Palmer's illness. Liza probed

Dr. Greenberg on his relation-

ship with Mia. Leo comforted

Greenlee, who received bad

news about Roger. Wait to

See: Tad confronts Simone.

Adam responds to Jake's

AS THE WORLD TURNS

their fears and concerns.

Lucy's secret meeting with

Aaron turned into a disaster.

Brandy let Marshall in on

Jessica's strategy. Hal and

Emily made plans for the

future. Wait to See: Rossana's

THE BOLD

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C.J. invited Bridget to stay

past returns to haunt her.

Molly and Abigail shared

inquiry.

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Brooke and Tad searched

With Chloe's biological father unavailable as a potential blood marrow donor, Craig suggested he and Nancy have a baby as a way of saving her. After meeting Belle and Shawn in the park, the alien girl made a play for Shawn, angering Belle. Craig got news about the baby bassinet switch. Billie told Bo why she became a cop. Brady found proof of a visit from his dead mother, Isabella. Wait to See: Hope confronts Billie.

#### **GENERAL HOSPITAL**

Rick. Later, Rick eaveswhat she recalled happened in the attic. Jason doubted Felicia's explanation for Roy's sudden riches. Wait to Zander's life. A.J. uncovers Courtney's secret. Laura recalls another piece of the puzzle.

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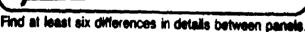
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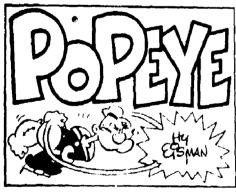


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DAYS OF OUR LIVES:

## YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

## Raise Money, Not Taxes for Education through Entertainment

by Stevie Kopas

AREA -- Marvin Entertainment, a father daughter partnership and independent entertainment company is seeking schools in New Jersey to begin the filming of their first production, "How You Play The Game".

The movie is Marvin Entertainment's way to raise much needed money for education, helping school districts across the nation, and perhaps the world, while offering selected New Jersey school districts the opportunity to participate in

this very special project. "I wrote the script for 'How You Play The Game' in 1989 while living in Reno, Nevada. It was prompted by the escalation of property taxes, and the fact that 67% of those paying the taxes, had no children in school," says David Marvin, partner in Marvin Entertainment.

"In 2001, New Jersey school boards and local officials added \$656 million dollars to New Jersey property taxes. With the downturn in the economy and massive layoffs nationwide, these officials must realize that

property values will fall, people will lose their homes, and the Golden Taxpayers will refuse to continue to pay their hard earned money!"

Over the next three years, Marvin Entertainment is hoping to raise over \$4.5 billion for education with the "How You Play The Game Trilogy".

The first movie in the trilogy is about a high school football team's star player loses his glory as he loses the most important game of the season. Scott, the star player goes to live with his aunt to save face and meets the girl of his dreams. The story goes on and Scott rebuilds his self esteem in his senior year at his new school, and the story explains the most important moral of all, it's not whether you've won or lost, but how you play the game.

"How You Play The Game" will be filmed at selected high schools, with two chosen schools as the focus of the movie, and up to ten additional high schools will be selected as football opponents.

The movie will star students. teachers and citizens of the selected schools. No one who appears in the movie will be paid. Selected schools will share in the profits earned from the movie.

Marvin will be coming to New Jersey in the near future for meetings and to talk with schools and people interested in participating in the project. Marvin Entertainment is looking torward to coming to New Jersey and working with parents, students and communities who seek to strengthen education without adding to the taxpayer burden.

"How You Play The Game" will be filmed and released directly to video. The video package will sell for \$40.00 and include the movie, the soundtrack, the advertisers book, the souvenir program describing the making of the film, and a 50% donation card for the purchaser

to tell Marvin Entertainment which school district they'd like to donate half their purchase price (\$20.00) to.

From the remaining 50%, the two school districts chosen to star in the film will split 25% each. From the remaining money, the 10 featured school districts will also split 25% each. That's raising money for schools and education without raising anybody's taxes.

In order to ensure the proper distribution of the amounts of money, Marvin Entertainment will hire 10 parents to handle the operation of a private foundation established for this purpose.

With the remaining money, Marvin Entertainment will begin production of the sequel to "How You Play The Game".

Marvin Entertainment is a startup company with no debts or liabilities. "How You Play The Game" is their first film production.

For more information, go to the Marvin Entertainment website at http://www.chasingthemoon.com/MarvinEntertainmen t/index.html.

If you have no access to a computer, you can write to David Marvin at 3022 N. Josey Ln. #106, Carrollton, TX 75007

## Tenni' DATING Trips

#### The Man With the Answers

Just when I thought I had a handle on the source of my dating woes, I had to reevaluate my ideas... thanks to a nice young man who was determined to find his soul mate.

I met Richie one evening for coffee at my favorite neighborhood coffee shop. The owner of the place gave me a sly grin when he saw me enter with a man who was different from the man I had joined there the week before.

Richie and I sat at a table in a back corner, nonchalantly sipping our coffee, pondering the pitfalls of single life. On that evening, we had both stated that dating is the PITS! Afterwards, my sentiments were stronger than ever.

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Well, there are only a few memorable things about Richie. because we did not communicate with each other for long. First of all, the only topic of conversation was his list of women he had recently dated. How appalling! Ladies, let that be a WARNING SIGN! If he has so many darn dates, why is he still looking? Answer: He is a LOSER!

I am really against labeling people if at all possible, but this guy was ridiculous. When I shared with him that dating does NOT work for me, he thought he had the answer: "I am TOO SEXY!" I am too sexy? Wow, of course... that must be it!!!

According to Richie, my persona exudes sexuality, and I could not hide it if I tried. And it was sooo POWERFUL that he lost his ability to think sensibly. All he could think about was having sex with me. How flattering! Men, now you know... that's EXACTLY what a woman wants to hear on a first date! I guess I will have to work on looking less sexy. And to think that I had surmised that all my other dates were just using pickup lines! Richie had set me straight.

Besides his answer to my dating problems, Richie also had all the answers regarding sex. Apparently, men are more interested in having sex with strangers than women they know. Also, men are most interested in having sex with a woman before the first sexual encounter. After that, there is less interest. Ladies, be forewarned! The only way to keep a man's interest is to either never have sex with him or to develop multiple personality disorder.

I have my answer... I'm heading for the convent!

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### EDITORIAL



Assemblyman John Wisniewski's Report From Trenton

Every time this year the question around many dinner tables is "where do we go on vacation?" Travel agents are consulted. Web pages are searched. Families discuss the merits of going to South Carolina versus Maine. A cruise or Disneyworld?

Why not right here in the Garden State? Do you like beaches? From Sandy Hook to Cape May, New Jersey boasts more than 127 miles of Atlantic coastline. You could hit the boardwalk for rides and games at Seaside Heights, Point Pleasant or Wildwood. Or choose a quieter seaside location like Avon by the Sea or Sandy Hook. No matter which, you can't go wrong with a vacation at the Jersey Shore.

But the state is a lot more than beaches. How about the great outdoors? From the Delaware Water Gap to Batso State Forest, New Jersey has 38 State Parks, 11 State Forests, 42 natural areas, and over 600 miles of trails.

Maybe a starry night isn't what you'd like. How about stars on a stage. New Jersey's nightlife is legendary. New Jersey's Performing Arts Center is world renowned. Or you could go to the George Street Playhouse, McCarter Theater, or the Shakespeare Festival as Drew University.

And there are the fairs, festivals, concerts, and theme parks which make New Jersey a must-visit destination for every vacationer.

Last year the tourism industry in New Jersey brought in \$31 billion dollars. In 2001, there were 166.1 million trips taken to the Garden State. We can all do our part to raise this number in 2002 and enhance the economic viability of our state if we choose to spend our summer vacation and our vacation dollars in New Jersey. In this time of financial crisis, it is vital that we each make decisions to benefit the state. By choosing to spend your time and money in New Jersey, you stand to not only have fun but to benefit yourself as a New Jersey taxpayer.

A number of brochures are available to assist you in planning your New Jersey vacation like "Jersey Journeys," "NJ Guide to Summer Vacations," "New Jersey Eco-Tourism Guide," "New Jersey Historic Guide," "New Jersey Cultural Guide," "New Jersey Beach Guide," and the "Visitor's Guide to New Jersey." Anyone interested should call my district office at 732-316-1885.

So remember, when you make vacation plans for this summer, consider staying home and enjoying the many diversions New Jersey has to offer. You'll not only be improving the economy of your home state, but you'll have fun doing it.



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#### Let Them Eat Gourmet

Washington State senators are livid. While the Capital gets a \$100 million facelift next year, the state legislature will be temporarily displaced. Which means, horrors of horrors, that Senators won't have access to their private dining room or their beloved French chefs. Worse, they'll have to eat with House members! "This is unacceptable," they declared in a letter signed by 36 of the 49 state senators. "We, as members of the Senate, have come to look for-

by (chefs) Jean Pierre and Kerri, as well as the quiet camradery of our fellow senators in a private setting." And naturally, if they have to come to look forward to it. Washington citizens had better fork over the dough to support it.

AP notes last month "in the midst of writing a budget that cut \$685 million in services and laid off hundreds of state workers, the Senate honored their favorite chefs with a standing ovation." Bon appetite.

## Readers Commentary

### Malls Must Enforce Fire Lane Law

Dear Editor,

Have you noticed that Americans are no longer the respecters of others rights since the arrival of so called "political correctness?"

We arrest children for being children. We allow individuals to exert pressure on governmental bodies to get their way over the interest of the majority.

We grant amnesty to illegal aliens. Our tolerance of individuals has surpassed anything that should be permitted, all in the fear of offending someone.

The time has come to enforce our laws evenly on all of our people. When the laws are broken, bent, or ignored by anyone from the top of government to the "least among us," citizens should expect equal justice.

In 1976, I spoke on behalf of an ordinance in Edison, requiring Fire Lanes in the malls in Edison.

The concept was safety of citizens and access for emergency personnel. That need has not changed but enforcement is sadly lacking. The Oklahoma City bombing was accomplished with a truck in a fire lane. The first bombing of the World Trade Center was accomplished by parking a truck in an underground garage. The "I'll only be

a minute people" need to be reminded of these deaths.

Today, individuals have the same lack of regard for public safety as before Oklahoma City and the two attacks on the World Trade Center. Law enforcement should not tolerate "I'll only be a minute." Malls must enforce the law or be held accountable. If they won't, then citizens have to let malls know they are concerned about their safety and if necessary shop where merchants and malls care.

Robert A. Brown Edison

## We Want To Know

On July 15, the state Supreme Court overturned Doran Josephs' death sentence. The Court said that the trial court erred in jury instruction and other instances in Josephs' April 2000 murder trial. However, the Court stopped short of finding the death penalty unconstitutional.

Two bills now before the state Assembly and Senate call for a one-year investigation of the state's capital punishment system and a moratorium on the death penalty until the study results are released.

A recent Eagleton poll found that the majority of New Jersey citizens support a moratorium on the death penalty and a study of the system's flaws.

We asked area citizens what they thought about the death penalty; here are their responses.



"Anti death penalty. I think only the poor people would be put to death. The people who could afford to have a lawyer, would not. Also, they might make a mistake."

Michelle-WOODBRIDGE, NJ

"It's really complicated because you have to ask yourself, is this [person] really guilty?" "It's a very moral question to ask yourself."

Alice-WOODBRIDGE, NJ

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"I am against it."

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"Hang 'em!" "You took somebody's life, and now you should pay for it with your own."

Len-WOODBRIDGE, NJ

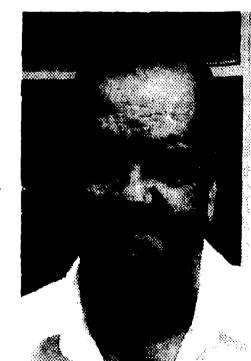
"Depends on the situation. If absolutely necessary. If they've proven themselves a menace and they killed just for the fun of it, then they should be put to death."

Wilber-COLONIA, NJ



"I'm in the middle, if you did it, you should get it | death penalty |." "But what about the innocent person who is wrongly accused?"

Krys-WOODBRIDGE, NJ



"If they're guilty, hang 'em. If somebody murders someone, why should they live. Especially with that girl in California, when it involves killing children.

Joseph-WOODBRIDGE, NJ

"Against it."

Anonymous-WOODBRIDGE, NJ

"I'm for it. Especially on certain crimes and your're found guilty, and especially with that case out in California with that little girl who was murdered."

Linda-WOODBRIDGE, NJ





## EDITORIAL

## Readers Commentary

#### A Fairer Solution?

Dear Editor.

The recent defeat of school budgets has once again focused the public's attention on property taxes. Over the last several weeks newspaper columnists and citizens have expressed their concerns about the ever-increasing burden of property taxes. Census 2000 statistics rank New Jersey as the #1 state in the nation when it come to the percentage of property taxes paid per household. Clearly every one agrees that New Jersey's current property tax system is regressive, archaic and not based on one's ability to pay.

On the street where I live, there are a variety of households that range from two income families with children, two income families without children, single income families, retired couples, working widows and retired widows. Yearly incomes range from \$150,000 to \$16,000 per household. We all live in identical track houses (excluding additions) and respectively pay the same amount of property taxes. One does not have to be a rocket scientist to figure out that property taxes consumes 25 percent of the income of those at the lowest income range, while consuming less than 4 percent of the income of those at the highest level.

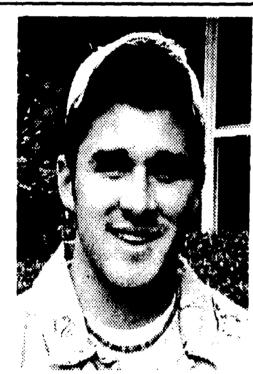
Consequently, property taxes place the greater economic burden on those individuals who are retired, living on a fixed income or families with children. As a result, the following questions arises: Is there a fairer or better way to fund municipal services and public education? If I had the answer to this question, I would be working in Trenton and not in Woodbridge. However, there is a way to bring notable authorities together to study the property tax dilemma and propose viable solutions.

Such a gathering could be accomplished by having our legislators vote yes for Senate bill #478 and Assembly Bill #540. If enacted, these bills would allow a public question to be placed on the 2002 November ballot asking the voters of New Jersey to approve Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing property tax reform. Any recommended changes to the present property tax system that comes out of the Constitutional Convention would be placed on the 2003 November ballot for voter approval.

As long as I can remember, citizens of New Jersey have been complaining about property taxes. Our legislators are reluctant to address the property tax issue because of a genuine fear of voter backlash. At the very least, Constitutional Convention would give the residents of New Jersey an opportunity to see if a better, more equitable, system of taxation could be found. I strongly urge everyone to contact your State Senator and Assemblyman/ woman and ask them to vote yes for a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of proposing property tax reform.

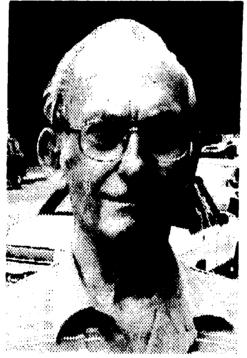
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"I'm for it!" Ray-PORT READING, NJ



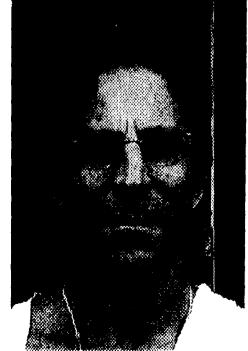
"Depends on the circumstances. But I guess I'd have to be for it."

James-WOODBRIDGE, NJ



"I'm not too fond of the death penalty, too many mistakes, even one is too many."

James Tooker-WOODBRIDGE, NJ



"It's an unnecessary evil." Aaron-ISELIN, NJ



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## Impact Of State Farm Decision

Dear Editor.

McGreevey's Governor announcement that State Farm Indemnity Co. will be allowed to dump 96,000 cars into the marketplace is not a surprise, as the company has been forthright about its intention to leave New Jersey for some time. What is surprising is the DOBI's assertion this action is a move toward "bringing competition back to the market for the ultimate benefit of consumers." This announcement. brought on by State Farm's original threat to leave the state (and nearly 730,000 drivers) by year-end, is not stabilization or competition.

True stabilization and competition will be accomplished when two issues are addressed. First, new carriers must be encouraged to enter the marketplace and fill the void State Farm will inevitably leave. Secondly, meaningful, long-term regulatory reforms, as proposed by the Coalition for Auto Insurance Competition must be enacted. These key reforms include: the elimination of take all comers to allow insurance companies to truly underwrite risks, the loosening up of the rate approval process to de-politicize rate setting and in combination with rate process changes, modifications to the excess profits law that will

motivate new carriers to enter New Jersey's marketplace.

As independent agents, PIANJ has a unique perspective on how the State Farm situation will affect New Jersey's insurance industry. Very few active carriers in our state are in a position to handle this volume of new business. There are fewer than a dozen companies actively writing auto insurance in New Jersey and even fewer able to handle this volume of new business, burdened with extensive new application requirements, fiveto ten-day waiting periods and new business "tier" rates that charge new customers higher premiums than existing ones.

That said, State Farm customers should not overreact. Immediately moving your policy to another insurer may risk an unnecessary premium increase. If you are insured by State Farm, wait to see if the company non-renews your policy, as no policy will be cancelled mid-term. Also State Farm can only non-renew policyholders who joined the company after 1996 and who do not also have other insurance with them.

> David J. Madara. CPCU, AAI President, **PIANJ**

## An Inappropriate Tribute

Dear Editor,

shocked at and disappointed in Governor Pataki. Not to build, as a tribute to those who died in the September 11 terrorist attack on the United States totally undermines the whole principle behind the "World Trade Center" itself.

Has he forgotten that the people who died, not to mention the survivors, dedicated their lives to the financial growth of the city and the nation? Bin Laden's goal was to disrupt the economy and financial institution of the United States. The World Trade Center site is prime real estate that could once again

create revenue for the city, My colleagues and I are state and nation. Restoring jobs to the survivors who lost theirs in the tragedy and giving them a sense of satisfaction and pride would show that terrorism will never have a choke hold on the American people.

> To build and house more financial institutions would be a far better tribute to the heroism of those who lost their lives. Let us not forget the government's financial responsibility to the survivors and the small businesses in the surrounding area.

> Please Governor, don't give Bin Laden another victory.

> > **Edward Aarne** East Rockaway, NY

## YOUR LOCAL NEWS

#### Ice Cream Man Dies in Fire

Magic Fountain on Amboy Avenue died at St. Barnabas hospital where he was being treated for second and third degree burns on 45% of his body.

Frank Durando, 51, of Edison was fixing his motorevele in a

EDISON The owner of storage room when the fire broke out. Durando's 13 year-old son and 16 year-old daughter and an employee, Louis Feliciano, 20, of Edison, were all in the building. The children escaped the fire through a service window Feliciano pushed them through.

## **Water Utility Employee** Allegedly Embezzled Funds

PERTH AMBOY A city employee working for Middlesex Water Co. has resigned after authorities began to investigate the theft of "a significant amount of money," authorities said last week.

The unidentified employee, a clerk, resigned in late June after officials from the County Prosecutor's office began to look into the missing funds, authorities said.

Middlesex Water executives said that the company found on June 11 that a "significant" amount of money had been stolen. The company is conducting an audit to determine the exact amount of the loss.

The missing money is what property owners paid to the company for water service.

Richard Tompkins, chairman of Middlesex Water, said in a statement, "This incident will not have an effect on water and sewer rates or property taxes and will not impact the operations of the water and wastewater utility."

Tompkins said that he believed that there was adequate insurance to cover the losses.

Perth Amboy's water and sewer utility employees work for the Utility Service Affiliates Perth Amboy Inc., a subsidiary of Middlesex Water, under an agreement signed between the city and the Iselin-based utility

#### Church Gets A Facelift

METUCHEN--- St. Luke's Episcopal Church will have a new look by the end of summer.

The church, located at the corner of Route 27 and Oak Avenue, will get a new roof and a new paint job.

Plans call for the church's familiar white surface to be scraped off and repainted in gray tones with burgundy trim. Hollenbeck says that he suspects the new paint scheme will be closer to the original church's look. Painting should begin next month. The new roof was necessitated by leaks into the bell tower, said Robert Hallbauer, co-chairman of the property improvement committee. The church is also regilding the cross atop the steeple.

These repairs are the first major work done at the church since 1995, when the conditioning installed. All repair work is being paid for by the church.

## **Edison Student Named to** Syracuse University Dean's List

EDISON---Annabel Lee of Edison, a freshman enrolled in Syracuse University's College of Visual and Performing Arts, was named to the Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 credits hours and earn at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Lee is majoring in interior design.

The College of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment where faculty help students develop their creative and scholarly abilities.

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## YOUR LOCAL NEWS

## **Concerts By The Bay Announces 2002 Season Program**

PERTH **AMBOY** Concerts By The Bay in Perth Amboy announces the start of the 2002 concert season at Bayview Park on Water Street. There will be nine concerts performed by the Garden State Symphonic Band starting July 7 and continue every Sunday until September 1 from 3-5 p.m.

Come and enjoy the beautiful music and picturesque setting overlooking the Raritan Perth Amboy, NJ 08861.

Bay. Bring a lawn chair and be prepared to tap your feet, smile, relax and feel peace enter your heart. In the event of inclement weather the performance will be held at the McGinnis School, 271 State Street.

The concerts are free but donations may be made at the day of the concert or by mail c/o Dr. J. Santamaria, Chairman, 104 Market Street,

## Resident Graduates Dental School

PERTH AMBOY — Dr. Anna Patras of Perth Amboy has earned a Doctor of Dental Medicine (D.M.D.) degree from the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ)—New Jersey Dental School.

Patras, 44, left Poland in the early 1980s after she was denied admittance into dental school because she refused to join the Communist Party. Living in a refugee camp in Austria, she emigrated to the United States in 1984. She spoke no English and so to earn money for classes to learn the language, Patras cleaned houses and later took a job as a surgical technician.

Patras then graduated from a joint nursing program sponsored by the UMDNJ-School of Nursing and Middlesex County College. She accepted a nursing position in the maternity ward at St. Peter's



Dr. Anna Patras

becoming a dentist and later enrolled in the joint B.A./ D.M.D. degree program of UMDNJ-New Jersey Dental School and Thomas Edison College. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in natural science from Thomas Edison College in March.

## See A Show At Brownstone

PERTH AMBOY-Enjoy "100 Wild and Crazy Years" at The Brownstone Theatre in Paterson on Wednesday, August 14.

The group will leave from the Perth Amboy YMHA with members of the Y's Senior Club. The Y is located at 316 Madison Avenue, Perth Amboy.

Several seats still remain on the bus and interested parties are requested to call as soon a possible to reserve their place. Call (732) 442-0365.

The show features music, comedy and memories. Family style roast beef, chicken and open bar are featured at \$50 or fish is offered at \$52 for the whole package.

It's a day out that you will enjoy. Van pick-up service may be available for nondrivers.

#### **Lawmakers Announce State Grant Money** For Sayreville

SAYREVILLE—Senator Joseph F. Vitale and Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski recently announced \$200,000 in state discretionary aid from the Department of Community Affairs for the Borough of Sayreville.

The funding was particularly needed since Sayreville did not receive discretionary funding in the previous fiscal year.

Senator Vitale and Assemblyman John S. Wisniewski represent the 19th Legislative

## **Seniors And Disabled To Get** "Fare" Share from NJ Transit

"I applaud Commissioner Fox and the NJ Transit Board for being so responsive to the needs of their riders that they enacted these changes without needing to do so through legislation. Senior and handicapped riders deserve to have discounts throughout the day, not just at certain times...,"

blyman John S. Wisniewski (D-19) announced that NJ Transit will be lowering fares for senior citizens and the disabled. Seniors over age of 65 as well as disabled riders will be able to ride at half price at any time.

The NJ Transit policy change comes on the heels of Wisniewski introducing legislation A-2492, that would have mandated these reductions.

The new policy is a departure from a change enacted earlier this year that limited senior citizen and disabled discounts to off peak hours.

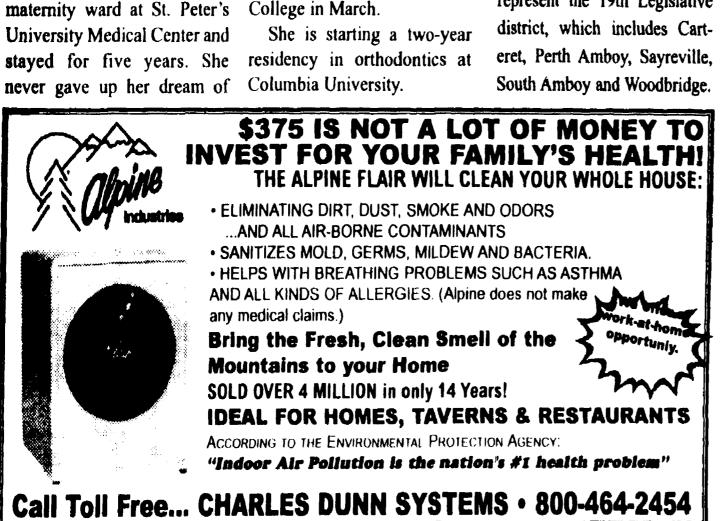
In addition to reinstating peak discounts, NJ Transit will also trim what it considers to be it's peak times from 6 a.m.-10 a.m. to 6:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. and from 4-8 p.m. to 4:30-7 p.m. These changes will allow more riders to take advantage of off peak reduced fares. These changes will make over 30

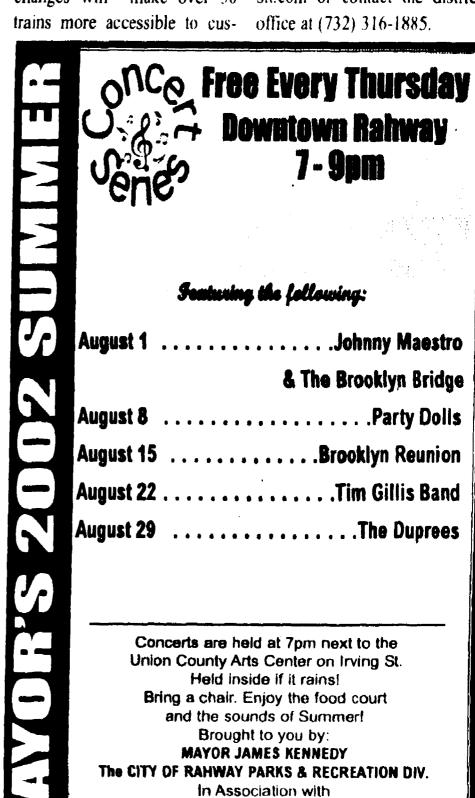
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> Assembly Bill 2492 was sponsored by Assemblyman Wisniewski and co-sponsored by Assembly woman Elba Perez-Cinciarelli. This proposed legislation would have enacted changes in NJ Transit's fare policy which would reinstate the half price discount for senior and disabled riders for peak times.

> "I applaud Commissioner Fox and the NJ Transit Board for being so responsive to the needs of their riders that they enacted these changes without needing to do so through legislation. Senior and handicapped riders deserve to have discounts throughout the day, not just at certain times," said Wisniewski.

> For more information regarding these changes, visit the NJ Transit website at www.nitransit.com or contact the district





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#### YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS E 640634225 5

## IRS Gives Interest And Penalty Relief To Victims Of Terrorism

**AREA** Using new authority granted by the Victims of Terrorism Tax Relief Act, signed into law on Jan. 23, 2002, the Internal Revenue Service is giving relief from interest and penalties to various taxpayers affected by the **Sept.** 11 attacks. These taxpayers, many of whom may be located in New Jersey, had earlier received extra time to file returns, or pay taxes. Now, these affected taxpayers will not owe interest or penalties and the IRS will refund any amounts already paid.

IRS extended certain tax deadlines for Sept. 11th victims. However, at that time the law did not provide for the waiver of any interest and penalty charges that may accrue.

Some of these affected taxpayers, who are now getting interest and penalty relief, may have already paid these charges. IRS has identified nearly 9,300 such individuals located in New York City and Arlington County, Va., and is automatically sending them refunds and explanatory notices. IRS will send similar refunds and notices to more than 1,300 business taxpayers.

IRS cannot, however, determine which taxpayers outside these covered disaster areas may also be entitled to this relief. Those located outside New York City and Arlington County, who believe they are "affected taxpayers" covered by this relief, should call the IRS, toll free, at 1-866-

562-5227. This special phone number is for disaster-related assistance only. Taxpayers should call 1-800-829-1040 for help with routine tax questions.

The following are considered "affected taxpayers" as defined by IRS Notice 2001-61:

- · Individuals whose principal residence or place of employment is in the covered disaster area. The covered disaster area includes: the five counties which comprise the city of New York: Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens, and Richmond; and, Arlington County in Virginia.
- · Individuals outside the covered disaster area, if the tax records necessary to meet a filing or paying deadline are

maintained in the covered disaster area.

- Any business entity with a principal place of business within the covered disaster area. This includes corporations, partnerships, and sole proprietorships.
- Any business entity with a principal place of business outside the covered disaster area if the records necessary to meet a filing or paying deadline are contained within the covered disaster area.
- Any estate or trust that has tax records necessary to meet a filing or paying deadline in a covered disaster area.
- · Victims of the crash (including those on the four hijacked airplanes and those on the ground). Any relief worker assisting in

the covered disaster area.

 A spouse of an affected taxpayer is considered an affected taxpayer solely for the filing of a joint return.

Details on this new interest and penalty relief are in Notice 2002-40, which will be available soon through the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov. Details on IRS' previous actions after Sept. 11 are in IRS Notices 2001-61 and 2001-68, both currently available on the IRS Web site. The IRS site also has a number of related guidance documents, including Publication 3920, "Tax Relief for Victims of Terrorist Attacks." This publication may also be obtained by calling, toll free, 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

## Central Jersey Women Business Owners Urged To Know The Lows That Affect Their Companies

AREA — There are more than 200,000 women business owners in New Jersey. Unfortunately, many are not well-versed and educated about major financial and business laws and issues that directly impact their lives and income.

To address the issue, the Middlesex County chapter of the New Jersey Association of NJAWBO, is holding a Membership Open House that will feature three attorneys. They will discuss "Different Aspects of Law

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The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held Monday, August 5, at 6 p.m. at the law offices of Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer, 90 Woodbridge Center Drive, Woodbridge. A light dinner and refreshments will be served. Wilentz, Goldman and Spitzer are sponsors of program.

Linda Abedrabbo, President of Women Business Owners, or the Middlesex Chapter of NJAW-BO says, "We are pleased to offer women business owners this important free information that may be crucial to their personal

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and professional lives. The attorneys who will speak at our event will focus on Family Law, Estate and Business Planning Succession and Strategic Business Planning and Valuation Services.

We invite all women business owners and entrepreneurs to join us for this program and some networking, and at the same time, learn more about NJAWBO and the benefits of membership."

NJAWBO, incorporated in 1978, is the largest statewide women business owners' organization in the United States. Its pri-

mary objective is to support and encourage business ownership by women. There are some 1,000 members in 13 chapters across New Jersey. NJAWBO addresses the needs of the 200,000 women business owners in the state.

For more information, call Karen at (908) 753-5756 or visit www.njawbo.com.

#### Apply Now For IRS Enrolled Agent **Examination In New Jersey**

enue Service is inviting New Jersey residents that are interested in representing taxpayers and practicing before the IRS to apply now for the annual Special Enrollment Examination (SEE).

"Passing the IRS Special Enrollment Examination is a critical step in receiving designation as an Enrolled Agent," noted William

AREA — The Internal Rev- Cressman, IRS spokesman. "Enrolled agents are not required to be attorneys or certified public accountants. However, like attorneys and certified public accountants, enrolled agents are generally unrestricted as to which taxpayers they can represent and what types of tax matters they can handle."

> This year's four-part examination will be administered in

Newark over a two-day period on Wednesday, Sept. 25, and Thursday, Sept. 26. However, interested individuals must act now. Applications for the examination must be postmarked no later than July 31.

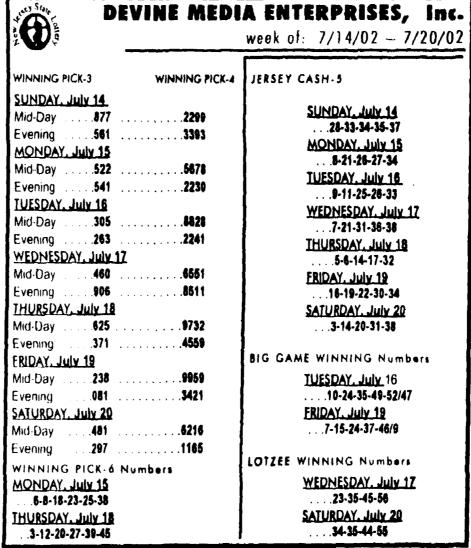
Those interested in taking the examination can obtain a Form 2587, Application for the Special Enrollment Examination, which is revised each year, in the following ways:

- Download it from the IRS web site at www.irs.gov
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- Call the IRS New Jersey Special Enrollment Coordinators at 973-921-4110

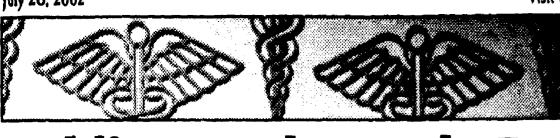
The fee for the entire four-part examination is \$55. The fee for persons who are taking three or fewer parts is \$45. Applicants have four years to pass all four parts of the examination, provided certain conditions are met. Upon successful completion of the examination applicants will undergo a background check.

After August 1, the IRS will mail applicants a letter providing the time and location of their chosen testing site as well as complete instructions. Current picture identification is required for admission to the testing site.





## YOUR HEALTH NEWS



## Public Urged To Help Ease Summer Blood Shortages

AREA—The Blood Center of New Jersey is announcing blood drive locations and asking healthy adults to call and sign up to donate.

"We are now experiencing shortages of all blood types and ask for support from our local communities," said Judy Daniels, BCNJ spokesperson.

Blood center officials note a very low turnout over the Fourth of July four day holiday period resulted in shortages that continue today. "Right now, most of the blood that is donated is sent to hospitals directly after being tested and processed," Daniels said. "There is no cushion."

Also affecting the adequacy of the blood supply are new deferral criteria from the FDA which was effective the end of May.

This new criteria includes more stringent travel restrictions and has increased significantly the number of potential donors

being turned away. The Blood Center of New Jersey is a nonprofit community 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.

Donors must be at least 18 years of age.

Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they meet health requirements.

Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification.

People with a fever or sore throat should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 24-hour deferral for teeth cleanings and fillings.

For those who have traveled outside the United States recently, call the blood center at

(973) 676-4933, ext. 132 for eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at 1-800-652-5663, ext. 140.

#### For Middlesex County:

Sunday, July 28-St. Ambrose Church, Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and Monday, July 29-Avenel/Colonia First Aid Squad, 105 Avenue Street, Avenel from 2-9 p.m.

## Poison Control Centers Release Online Quiz To Warn Of Summer Poisoning Hazards

AREA—Are those mushrooms in your lawn safe to eat? Can charcoal lighter fluid really cause pneumonia? How do you know if a snake bite is poisonous? At the height of summer vacation season, poison

centers in the United States answer these types of questions and respond to poison-related emergencies in mor than 6,600 calls a day-a thousand more calls a day than in January.

To help families get answers

to poison questions and learn more about warm weather poison hazards, the American Association of Poison Control Centers (AAPCC) released its Poison Summer Safety IQ Quiz. Available online at www.1-800-222-1222.info, the quiz includes questions about potential poisoning dangers at barbecues, while doing common yard work, on picnics and even vacationing with grandparents.

The Poison Summer Safety IQ Quiz also provides examples of types of questions that people can get answers to by calling 1-800-222-1222, the new, nationwide poison center hotline.

## **Protecting Yourself From Medication Errors**

AREA—We have all heard news media reports about medication errors and how these mistakes can have devastating outcomes. According to Bruce Ruck, Pharm.D., of the Jersey Poison Information and Education Sytem (NJPIES) "patients can decrease the risk of falling victim to a medication error by being informed consumers."

Consumers often ask NJ-PIES "did the pharmacist give me the correct medication." This question arises because the tablet or capsule looked different from what they originally received. Whenever taking a medication that looks, tastes, or smells different from what you expect, Bruce Ruck, Pharm.D., suggests checking with your pharmacist to determine if the correct product was dispensed.

If hospitalized and receiving medication, ask the nurse what the name of the medication is before taking it or allowing it to be given to you. If the medication is not familiar to you, ask the nurse to double check to make sure you are supposed to have it.

If the medication is given intravenously and you have received it before, does it have the same color as in the past, if not, ask why. Find out how long it should take for the medication to run through the

bag and into your system before the bag is empty. Inform the nurse if the intravenous drip appears to be going in too fast or too slow.

According to Bruce Ruck, Pharm.D., it is very important to make sure you inform your doctors, nurses and pharmacists about side effects of medications you may have had in the past. Tell your doctors, nurses and pharmacists about all medications you normally take, including non-prescription medication, vitamins, food supplements and herbals.

Most important do not be afraid to ask questions about your medication and if necessary, ask to speak to a pharmacist. Most hospitals will have a pharmacist available to speak to you, if requested. In addition, the New Jersey Poison Control Center is available 24 hours a day to assist with any medication or poison information questions you may have. Call 1-800-222-1222 trained medical professionals, will answer any drug or poison information question you may have. Remember, help is just a phone call away!

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### OBITUARIES

## James A. Tallon, 66 of Iselin

Mr. James A. Tallon of Saylorsburg, Pa., (formerly of Iselin) died July 6 at home. He was 66.

Born in upper Mt. Bethel, Pa., he lived in Iselin for many years prior to moving to Saylorsburg, Pa., two years ago.

He was a truck driver for Paul's Trucking, now known as Grocer Haulers Inc., in Carteret for 25 years. He received a 16 year perfect driving award.

His wife, Olga Tallon, died in 1998.

Surviving are his son, James Tallon, and his daughter, Tracey Tallon; his step-son, Raymond Nowakowski, and his step-daughter, Ann Marie Smigelski, and eight grandchildren.

## Charles K. Wright of Avene!

Mr. Charles K. Wright Jr. of Avenel died July 9 in Saint Clares Hospital, Denville. He was 75.

Born in Newark, he lived in Jersey City for 10 years before moving to Avenel 30 years ago.

Mr. Wright was a locksmith with the Monaco Lock Co., Jersey City, for 20 years before retiring in 1992.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he belonged to American Legion T. Nulty Post 471, Iselin.

Surviving are his wife, Barbara; daughters, Susan Denise Mirabella, Norma C. Wright and Erika W. Bladt; a son, Kenneth, and six grandchildren.

## Emile Karakowski of Sewaren

Mrs. Emilie (Catano) Karakowsk of Sewaren died July 8 at Francis E. Parker Memorial Home in Piscataway. She was 89.

Born in New York City, Mrs. Karakowski and was a lifelong resident of Sewaren.

Her husband, Walter B. Karakowski, died in 1966. A brother, Pat Catano, is also decased.

Surviving are a son Jan Karakowski, and a grandson, Stephen.

## M. Dzierzbinski, 91 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Marcella "Martha" (Maldanis) Dzierzbinski died July 14 at Amboy Care Center in Perth Amboy. She was 91.

Born in Perth Amboy, shelived there all her life.

She was a computer analyst for the Army for almost 50 years and worked at Raritan Arsenal, the Philadelphia Navy Yard and Fort Monmouth.

She was a communicant of St. Stephen's R.C. Church in Perth Amboy.

She was a member of the Monmouth Toast Mistress Club.

Her husband, Vincent, died in 2001, and a brother, Joseph Maldanis, and three sisters, Freida Kuligowski, Agnes Lizanetz and Marie Pollock, are all deceased.

Surviving are several nephews.

## Florence C. DePazza of Colonia

Mrs. Florence C. DePazza of Colonia died July 3 at Rahway Hospital, Rahway. She was 71.

Born in Malbern, N.Y., she resided in Bayonne before moving to Colonia 40 years ago.

She was a housewife.

Surviving are her husband, Frederick DePazza; a son, Mark DePazza, and his wife, Pamela of Woodbridge.

## **Queen E. Freeman** of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Queen E. Freeman of Perth Amboy died July 10 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. She was 78.

Born in Greenwood, South Carolina, she lived in Newark before moving to Perth Amboy 32 years ago.

Surviving are her husband of 42 years, Joseph Freeman of Perth Amboy; a daughter, Melissa Britt of Fords; two sisters, Mattie Tatum of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Rosalie Dyches of Louisiana; three grandchildren, Roshanda Walker, Alecia Britt and Anthony Britt; a great-granddaughter, Ashley Walker; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

## Charles J. Crowe, Sr. of Perth Amboy

Mr. Charles John "C.J."
Crowe Sr. died July 6 at New
Jersey Veterans Memorial
Home at Menlo Park in
Edison, He was 56.

Born in Perth Amboy, he lived in Houston, Texas, before returning to Perth Amboy 15 years ago.

Mr. Croew as in the Navy through two tours in Vietnam from 1963 to 1967. He was a member of American Legion Post 45 in Perth Amboy.

Surviving are three sons, Charles John Crowe Jr. of Fords, Daniel Joseph Crowe of Avenel and Corey Fergeson of Sweetwater, Texas; a daughter, Taylor Ann Miller of East Brunswick; his mother, Rosalie Kuria Crowe of Perth Amboy; and four brothers and two sisters.

## Vincent A. Naylor of Metuchen

Mr. Vincent A. Naylor Sr. of Frederick, Md., (formerly of Edison/Metuchen) died July 8 at his home. He was 79.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived most of his life in Edison and Metuchen, moving to Frederick, Md. in 1995.

He retired from the U.S. Postal Service in Edison. He formerly was a salesman for 22 years with the heating and cooling division of American Standard Inc.

He was an Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Naylor was a communicant of St. Francis Cathedral in Metuchen.

His wife, Mary M. (Wargo) Naylor, died in 1982.

Surviving are two sons, Vincent A. Naylor Jr. of Frederick, Md., and Stephen J. Naylor of Fort Lee; his sister, Jean Pulda of North Brunswick, and six grandchildren, Michael, Matthew and Linsey, who are triplets, and Theresa, Stephanie and Vincent III.

## Viola M. Galley, 78 of Sayreville

Mrs. Viola M. (Semasko) Galley of Williamstown died July 7 at Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Turnersville. She was 78.

Born in Sayreville, she was a lifelong borough resident before moving to Williamstown six months ago.

Before her retirement, she was employed by Louis Brodsky & Son in South River for 32 years as a finisher.

Mrs. Galley was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4699 in Sayreville.

She was a communicant of St. Stanislaus Kostka R.C. Church in Sayreville and a member of the St. Stan's Seniors.

Her husband, William, died in 1974, and a brother, John Semasko Sr. and two sisters, Mary Buryta and Helen Giaquinto, are also deceased.

Surviving are her daughter, Phyllis Grealis of Williamstown; her sister, Irene Semasko of Sayreville; two brothers, Joseph Semasko of Sayreville and Fred Semasko of Parlin, and three grandsons, Sean Grealis of Vineland, Ryan Grealis of Williamstown, and Kyle Grealis, also of Williamstown.

## Kenneth S. Harris, 68 worked in Edison

Mr. Kenneth S. Harris of Helmetta died July 9 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 68.

Born in Long Island City, N.Y., he lived in the Bronx and Edison before moving to Helmetta 10 years ago.

Mr. Harris was a mail handler for the Postal Service Kilmer Facility, Edison, for 30 years before retiring in 1999.

He served in the Army during the Korean War and was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, Bronx, N.Y.

Surviving are Claire, his wife of 40 years; sons, Allen and Howard, and three grandchildren.

## Michael J. Cuomo of Edison

Mr. Michael J. Cuomo died July 8 at St. Peter's University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 48.

Born in New York City, he lived there for three years and then in East Brunswick for 10 years before moving to Edison, where he lived for the remainder of his life.

He was a printer for Signal Graphics Printing Center on Route 27 in Edison.

He is survived by his parents, Frank and Mary Cuomo of Edison.

## Donald F. Fuller, 69 of Carteret

Mr. Donald F. Fuller of Carteret died July 7 at Rahway Hospital. He was 69.

Born in Archbald, Pa., he resided in Carteret for the past 30 years.

He retired in 1995 from Burry Biscuit Co. in Elizabeth, where he was a manager for 33 years.

Mr. Fuller was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

His wife, Margaret Fuller, died in 1996.

Surviving are a stepson, George Leshko of Carteret; two grandchildren, Maria Sena of Bridgewater and Isabell Leshko Kleineman, of Salem, Mass.; a brother, Jerry Fuller of Elizabeth, and a great-granddaughter, Francisca Sena.

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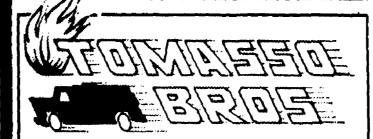
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"Consumers who never imagine shoplifting or robbing a bank routinely choose to violate our mandatory insurance laws," stated Heisler, "Violators are not contributing to the system which increases costs to the majority of our state's drivers who purchase insurance."

While it is necessary to increase the number of insured drivers, Heisler pointed out that any solution to the problem must be cost effective for the industry and government; in addition, it cannot be unduly cumbersome to

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the properly insured consumers. A long term solution should include the ability for police and motor vehicle agencies to verify coverage in real-time through a central data base. In the meantime, IIANJ is working with all concerned to address the issue.

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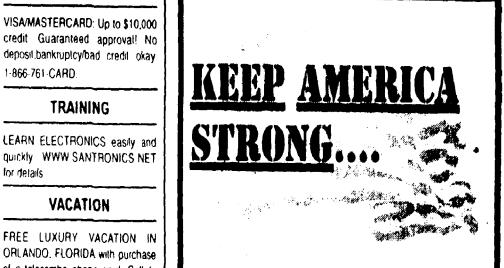
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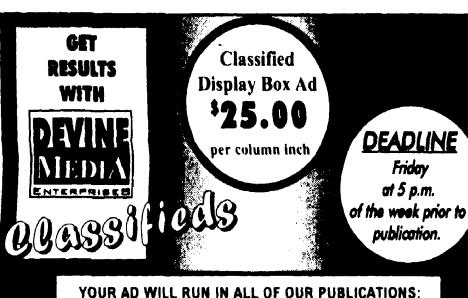
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## School Staff Gets New Dress Code

SAYREVILLE At a July 16
Board of Education meeting, they were poised to adopt a new policy of dress for the staff.
Superintendent of Schools Dennis Fyfe said he felt that some of the staff were getting more casual than he was comfortable with, though most of the employees dress in a professional manner all the time.

The district's previous employee dress code was too vague, requiring employees to "dress in appropriate attire." Board President Kevin Clark complained there was no specific written policy and some teachers came in with jeans while others wore ties.

The new dress code policy prohibits short, tight fitting, or

see through clothing, jeans, T-shirts, sneakers, beachwear or any item that may attract undue attention. District officials say that they expect no controversy. With increasing restrictions on student dress codes, it may not be surprising that districts consider stricter regulations for their employees as well.

## Judge Upholds Perth Amboy's Demotion And Suspension Of Police Sergeant

PERTH AMBOY -- An administrative law judge has upheld the city's disciplinary action against Police Sergeant David L. Weiss wherein the sergeant was demoted from the rank of police lieutenant and suspended for 180 days, the maximum permitted by law. The city's action stemmed from Sergeant Weiss' failure to follow orders to complete an investigation and submit timely reports on a incident for an internal affairs investigation involving a citizen's complaint against a patrol officer.

"The city administration takes citizen complaints against officers very seriously. Over the past eleven years, the city administration and police management have worked hard to rebuild our resi-

dents' confidence in our Police Department. Our efforts to have the department work with the community have paid off, and today crime is down and there is a renewed respect for the police officers who work hard each day to protect and serve our residents," said Mayor Joseph Vas.

On Nov. 17, 2000, the city suspended Weiss for 180 days and demoted him to the position of sergeant for charges on which there was a departmental hearing in August and Sept. 2000. Sergeant Weiss appealed the city's action to the New Jersey Department of Personnel and the matter as referred to the New Jersey Office of Administrative Law for review and decision. Administrative Law Judge M.

Kathleen Duncan rendered her decision on June 27, 2002 affirming the city's action of suspension and demotion and filed her decision with the Merit System Board for adoption.

"I am pleased with the judge's decision to uphold our disciplinary action in this matter. The judge concluded that a 180 day suspension and demotion to the position of sergeant was more than reasonable and was warranted under the circumstances," stated Thomas Cetnar, Director of Police.

"Citizen confidence in the Police Department's ability to investigate itself is a key element of citizen cooperation with the police." he continued.

#### Birth Announcements

AREA -- The following are Raritan Bay Medical Center, birth announcements for the month of June, 2002.

Lucrecia and Carlos Gustavo Panameno of
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the birth of their
daughter, Natalia
Alexandra, born
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Hilda Consuelo
Torres and Jorge Raul Rojas of
Perth Amboy are proud to
announce the birth of their
son, Anthony Ryan Rojas,
born June 4, 2002.

Tammy Kay and Jack Joseph Taylor of South Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Morgan Alexa, born June 4, 2002.

Lourdes Orellano and Luis Gilberto Castillo of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, Jordy Gilberto Castillo, born June 5, 2002.

Ramona Pena and Eusebio Fernandez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Kiara Fernandez**, born June 11, 2002.

Colleen Marie O'Reilly and Ricardo Leonel Marte of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Miranda Naomi Marte, born June 13, 2002.

Dellanaro Henriquez and Gregory Urena of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, Gregory Urena, born June 14, 2002.

Claribel A Marte and Teofilo Gomez of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Liza Gomez, born June 15, 2002.

Mimi and George Thomas Stochel of South Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Wong, born June 15, 2002.

Betsy and Carlos Jose Abreu of Woodbridge are proud to announce the birth of their son, Carlos Jose Abreu, Jr., born June 18, 2002.

Veronica H. Huaman and Victor Blot of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, David Luciano Blot, born June 18, 2002.

Samantha Renee Starkes and Andre Lamont Morris, Jr., of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Ayanna Antoinette Morris, born June 20, 2002.

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Micharen Soto and Julio Angel Mota of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Angelina Mota, born June 20, 2002.

Sonia and Samuel Williams Lebreault of Perth Amboy are proud to announce the birth of their son, Saul Williams, born June 23, 2002.

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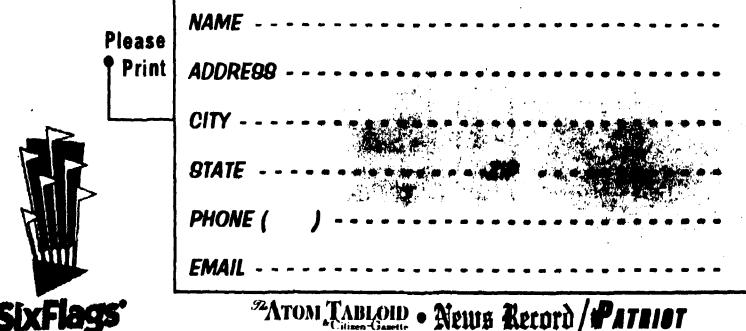
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