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Vitale Bill To Help Patients Learn About Doctors Advances

STATE — A bill being sponsored by Senator Joseph F. Vitale, D-Middlesex, to help people learn all about New Jersey medical doctors and podiatrists and their professional and educational backgrounds has been approved by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee.

"People need the reassurance that the doctors who treat them are competent professionals," said Vitale, the Democratic chairman of the Senate committee. "For far too long, there has been an unnecessary amount of secrecy about doctors and their back-

grounds. Patients should come first."

The measure, S-571, cosponsored by Democratic Senate President Richard J. Codey, D-Essex, would direct the Division of Consumer Affairs to establish an informational file on all New Jersey doctors and podiatrists which would be accessible over the Internet and through a toll-free-telephone number.

"Most doctors are extremely competent professionals and welcome these information files as good promotional tools to showcase their achievements and special skills," said Vitale. "But there are some bad apples

always in every professional barrel and the people of New Jersey deserve to know about them."

> Records of doctors to be kept under the bill include: educational history; criminal convictions and disciplinary actions by the Board of Medical Examiners over the last 10 years; any restrictions of privileges based on competence by a health care facility over the previous 10 years, and medical malpractice court judgements and any arbitration awards for the previous five years. Vitale said the files are meant to be positive.

"Information about hospital privileges, academic achievements and national professional organizations can all be included," said Vitale. "Plus, nothing goes out before being checked for accuracy by the doctors themselves."

The Division of Consumer Affairs would be required to provide a review copy of the profile to a doctor before releasing it to the public and the doctor would have 30 days to fix any inaccuracies.

In addition, the bill would require the Division to report back to the Legislature within 18 months on the status of the physician and podiatrist profiles. Also, the bill would require the Division to make recommendations on how to develop profiles on other licensed health care professionals such as dentists, advanced practice nurses, physician assistants, optometrists, physical therapists and chiropractors.

"By providing access to important information about doctors, this bill will help people make health care decisions be based on the best information available," Vitale said

Under the bill, as amended by the committee, a \$300,000 appropriation to help fund the information gathering process was deleted. But supporters said the lack of funds will not slow down the collection process because a non-profit group has stepped forward to help. The measure now awaits action before the full Senate.

Set The Pace For Good Health

SOUTH AMBOY-Frog Hollow Swim Club is proud to announce their 5-mile run 3mile health walk through the streets of South Amboy and Sayreville on June 22 at 9 a.m.

Trophies will be given in different age groups for both men and women.

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Registration for participants starts at 7 a.m. on race day. All runners and their families are invited to use the facilities at Frog Hollow on the day of the race.

The honorary chairman again this year is Mayor Jack O'Leary.

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Nursing Home Plans On Schedule

MIDDLESEX COUNTY -The county's plans to open a new \$20 million nursing home in two years are on schedule.

Last week, the Board of Freeholders authorized county engineers last night to take bids on \$750,000 worth of demolition work required before construction can begin on the facility. The county's construction manager, Steven V. DiBartolo, says that the annex across from Roosevelt Care Center in Edison will be razed by September.

The county plans to build a 180-bed facility on the grounds

of the annex. The 36 annex residents were relocated to the main Roosevelt building across Parsonage Road three months

The county plans to close the 64-year old Roosevlet Care Center in 2004 when the new building is completed, however, the new building will not be able to accommodate all of the more than 300 current Roosevelt residents.

Freeholder Director David Crabiel has said that a plan would be developed within the next month to accommodate. current residents.

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Resident To Attend FDU

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Kelman will graduate from Bishop George Ahr High School in 2002.



Michael Kelman

2002 Miss Jr. Teen Newark Pageant Contestant

AVENEL - Contestant Carla Ann Sasso of Avenel was recently selected to participate in Nationals' 2002 Miss Jr. Teen Newark Pageant compe-



Carla Ann Sasso

tition that will take place on June 30.

Sasso will be competing for her share of over \$20,000 in scholarships, prices, and speciality gifts that will be distributed to contestants. She will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of three divisions that will have young ladies between the ages of 10-19 competing in modeling routines which include casual wear and formal wear.

Most important, Sasso will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Personality is the number one pageant coordinator Patty

judged on during all phases of competition.

If Sasso were to win the title of Miss Jr. Teen Newark, she would represent Newark and the surrounding communities at the Cities of America National Competition that will take place in Orlando, Florida.

Community businesses, organizations, and private individuals will assist Sasso in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Any business, organization, or private individual who may be interested in becoming a spon-Newark judging panel. sor to Sasso may contact her aspect that each contestant is Neidert at 1-800-454-3420.

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JFK HS Recognized For Service-Learning

WOODBRIDGE--John F. Kennedy Memorial High School has once again been recognized for its Service-Learning program. After two successful years as a National Service-Learning School, John F. Kennedy Memorial High School has received recertification for an additional two years.

"This is indeed a tremendous honor for the community, students and the staff at JFK," states Principal Michael Cilento. "Over the past three years, JFK students have given back to the community and our program has expanded to 23 projects running this school year." In 2001, JFK was recognized as a New Jersey Best Practice School for Service-Learning.

With over 20 projects running each school year, JFK's Service-Learning program engages over 70 percent of the student body. JFK's projects are interdisciplinary and broadbased in nature and provide students with ample opportunities to apply academic skills and concepts to genuine community concerns.

John F. Kennedy Memorial

High School has been noted for its multi-discipline, Service-Learning program. Responding to community needs, students enrolled in sociology, English, journalism, business, art, parenting, mathematics, science, industrial arts, foods, health and physical education are involved in Service-Learning projects throughout the school year.

The program is coordinated by Joanne Shafer, English Department Chairperson and Patricia Osborne, District Supervisor and includes 35 percent faculty participation.

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Holiday Deadline INFO

Because of the Independence Day holiday, the following deadlines apply for the July 5 issue: Editorial Materials - June 24, 9 a.m. Display Ad Space Reservations - June 25, 5 p.m. Classified Ads - June 27, 5 p.m. Legal Ads - July 1, 10 a.m.

YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS

Mixed Messages

Clean Campaign
Promise and Nasty
Salvo Make A Tough
One-Two Combination

STATE-New Jersey voters had better prepare for a brutal campaign at the top of this year's ticket, if primary night press releases are any indication.

In sharply contrasting messages, the GOP nominee pledged a clean campaign, while Republican Party officials issued a scathing personal attack on the incumbent Democrat, Sen. Robert Torricelli

Republican nominee Doug Forrester issued a statement saying, "For too long now, too many campaigns have been about mud-slinging and negative personal attacks, rather than being what they should be - contests of ideas, and comparisons of records and visions."

Meanwhile, the state GOP

"New Jersey voters deserve a United States Senator who cares more about our national defense rather than his own legal defense." "Because if the suits fit, voters won't acquit."

issued a press release that listed several reasons why voters might reject Torricelli.

Among them: "New Jersey voters deserve a United States Senator who cares more about our national defense rather than his own legal defense."

"Because if the suits fit, voters won't acquit."

"Bob Torricelli has created headlines and humiliation."

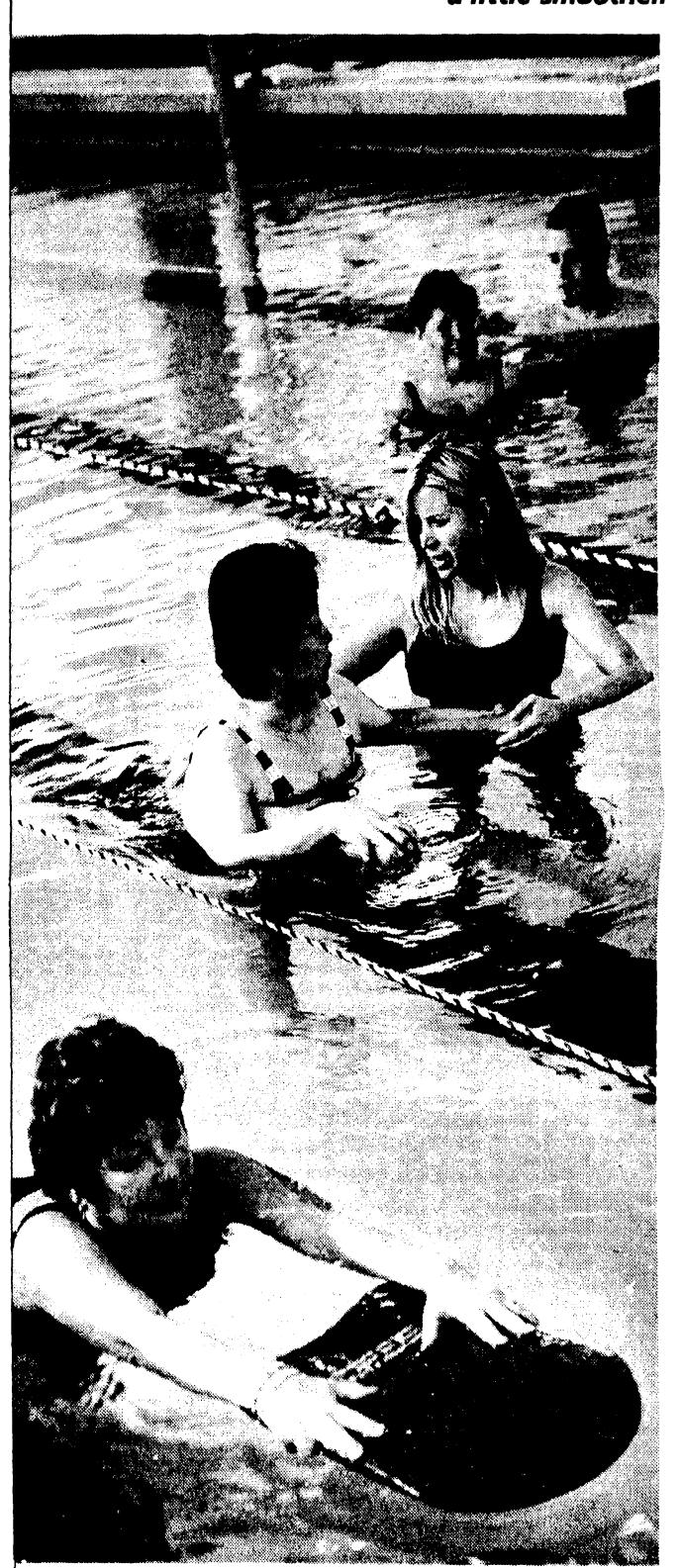
"Because New Jersey voters deserve better than a United States Senator whose greatest accomplishment is escaping federal prosecution."

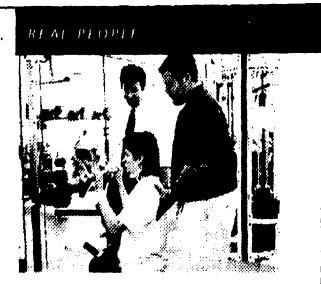
From these statements, there's no doubt that Republicans are going to aim some pretty low blows at Torricelli.

However, as newspaper columnist Jim Goodman of the Trenton Times wrote, "Whether an opponent like Forrester, whose highest elected office has been mayor of West Windsor Township, can (continued on page...3)

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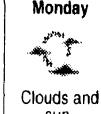
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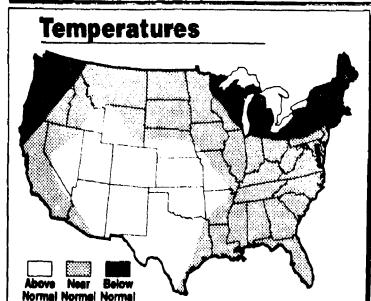
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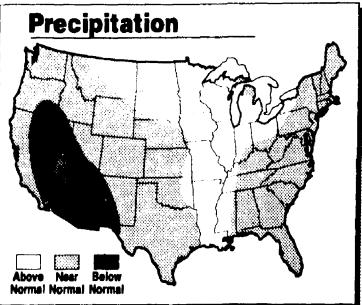
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Below-normal temperatures will cover the Great Lakes and New England during the period. Temperatures across the region may average 5 to 10 degrees below normal. Storms will bring rain to the northern Plains, Midwest and Mississippi Valley. Hot and dry weather will continue to plague the Great Basin and Southwest.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

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June 17-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Immunology and Infectious 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.

from June 17 7-9 p.m.-Raritan Bay Medical Center's Cardiac Club will hold a meeting at 530 New Brunswick Avenue, Perth Amboy. The topic will be "Risk Factor Modifications" with a speaker. For more information, call (732) 324-5178.

June 17 at 6:30 p.m.—Chef's Night: The Art of Dining will be held at the New Brunswick Hyatt. This event benefits Elijah's Promise Culinary School. There will be special door prizes, raffle and silent auction including original artwork, dinners at fine restaurants and weekend getaways. Tickets are \$100 per person, \$500 to join the Host Committee and \$1,000 and up for event sponsorship. Call Chair Dana Simon for more information at (732) 613-6322 or visit the web site at www.elijahspromise.org. Seating is limited. June 19 from 5:30-7:30

Pathfinder p.m.—The Consulting Group is sponsoring an IT & Business Community Networking Party at the Ramada Inn, 999 South 1, South, North Brunswick. The hotel is located next to Wal-Mart & Office Depot. Pre-registration fee is \$25; at the door, \$35. Tables available for \$175. Space is limited, so visit the web site at www.megafair.com/itparty. For additional information, call Vito Verruso at (732) 821-7048.

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(continued from page...3) stand up to the pressure of a typically bombastic New Jersey campaign for the Senate is another ball game."

Torricelli kicked off his campaign for a second term by talking about his record in the Senate and by taking some shots at Forrester's background.

"My opponent wants to make this campaign about me, because he wants to divert attention away from the fact that he made millions as a pharmaceutical insurance executive raising the costs of prescription drugs for you," said Torricelli.

One key issue is sure to be if the New Jersey Democrat loses his seat, conservative Republicans led by Trent Lott of Mississippi will run the U.S. Senate again.

To stress that point,
Torricelli was at the State
House on Monday with Sen.
James Jeffords, the Vermont
independent who gave the
Democrats a one-vote majority
in the Senate when he quit the
GOP.

COMMUNITY

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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.

June 26-29—St. Stan's Carnival 2002 will be held at Main St. and MacArthur Ave., Sayreville. 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.

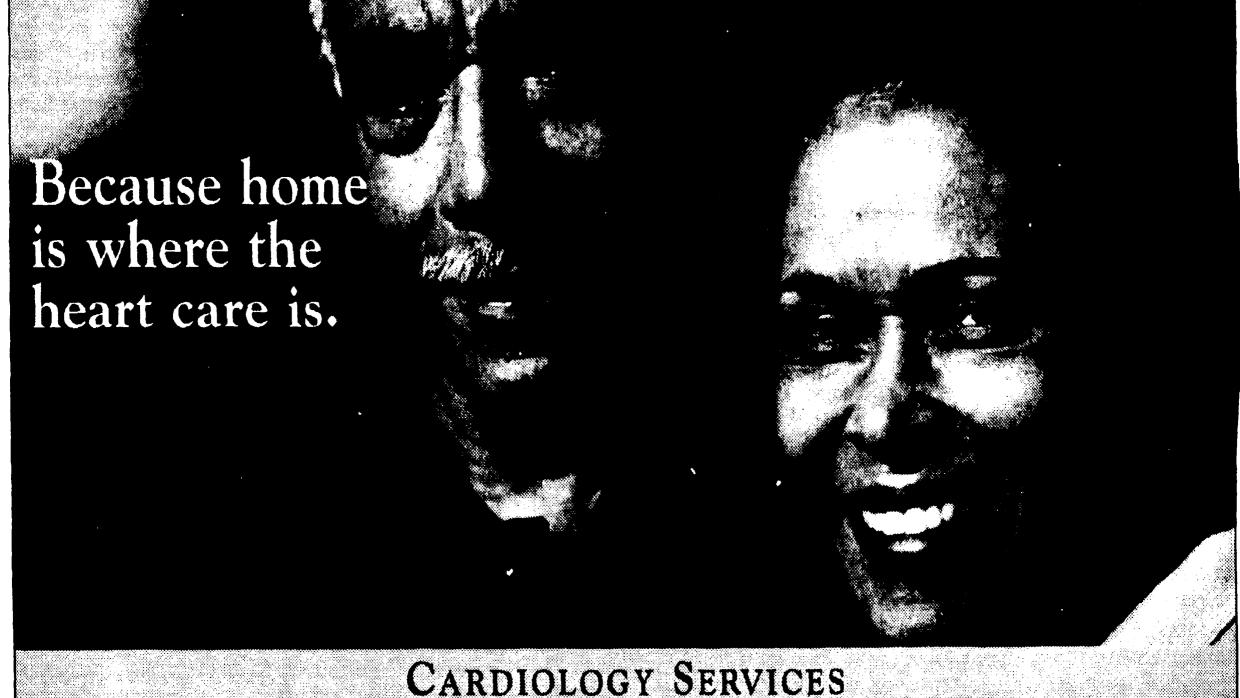
June 27 — "Media, Motivating and Marketing Without Money" will be held at the Radnor Hotel, 591 East Lancaster Avenue (outside of Philly-Route 30, just off Route 476), St. David's PA. Registration deadline is June 25. Call (610) 227-5457 or (609) 737-8157 or register online at www.smalltalkweb.com/nomon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

June 29 thru July 7 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily—The

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June 29 at 7 p.m.—Watoto Children's Choir will perform at Centenary United Methodist Church. The Church is located at 200 Hillside Avenue, Metuchen. For more information, call (732) 548-7622 or e-mail to centary UMC (a, aol. com.

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ALL MY CHILDREN

Leo was suspicious of Mary's intentions, although Greenlee seemed hopeful. Mateo worried how Hayley would react if she knew that the (presumably) dead Maria would have provided a match for Enzo's transplant. But later, Arlene had a shocking announcement for him and Hayley. Anna and David raised the subject of divorce for the first time. Kendall was furious with Ryan for revealing her legal strategy to Bianca. Erica opened a piece of mail addressed to Chris. Wait to See: Erica indulges in some soul searching.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Roseanna used Carly's adversaries in stirring up the pot. Paul landed in danger thanks to Mitzi spilling the beans. Alison ratted on Lucy. Isaac left Bonnie. Lucinda, Margo and Lily found a major clue in a picture. Wait to See: Bonnie comes home. Katie and Lucinda set off on a mission.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Amber rejected Ziggy's warning that she could become hooked on her pills. Later, Rick discovered Amber's medication had not been prescribed for her.

Taylor noted that Amber's eyes were dilated and questioned her about her medications, prompting Amber to reveal her addiction. Meanwhile, Erica's mother advised her that with Amber's marriage in danger, this was the time for Erica to strike. Later, Amber was stunned when the whole family arrived to show their support as she prepared to check herself into rehab. Wait to See: Ridge makes an important decision about his future.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

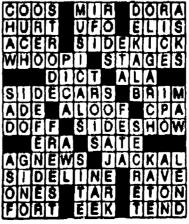
Father Jansen was about to pour water on Zack's head when Lexie realized what Rolf had done and rushed to the baptismal font, spilling the tainted water on the floor. John realized this was all part of what he had perceived as the DiMera threat. After overhearing Jan tell her mother that she actually miscarried when she fell down the stairs, an angry Shawn revealed he wasn't the baby's father just as Hope and Bo arrived. Craig told Nancy and Chloe that she (Chloe) might have leukemia. At graduation, Brady was stunned to find Isabella's fortune message from his loft now in his pocket. Wait to See: The mysterious man from Paris draws closer to Bo and Hope.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Jason chose his words carefully as he attempted to answer Sonny's question about Carly's whereabouts around the time of her accident. Later, Alexis was touched when Sonny agreed to help Courtney. Luke was stunned by Laura's decision not to rush their marriage after all. Lucky made good use of the distance that had grown up between Elizabeth and Sarah. AJ was thrown by the realization that Edward had frozen his accounts. Wait to See: Jason spies on Zander. Jax issues a new threat.

GUIDING LIGHT

Beth found Lorelei's diary. Marah and Shayne had a surprise for their parents, Josh and Reva. Romeo finally told all. Tony decided to let bygones be bygones. Phillip received information about Gus. Wait to See: Bill fills in the gaps. Cassie



learns the truth. Rick makes a decision about his future.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

As a stunned Bo by waving the white flag and telling him that he's made special arrangements for him. "Viki" (actually Niki) confused Natalie with her statements about Rex being a threat to her. Nora misinterpreted Emily and Troy's relationship. Lindsay reluctantly gave Ben information about Allison. Rae presented a panicked Cristian with his grade. Starr forced Troy to do some soul searching. Wait to See: Starr gets an important phone call. Blair makes a difficult decision. Niki comes up with a new plan.

PASSIONS

Timmy suspected Peggy might really be Norma. Brian filled Diana (Sheridan) in on his past with the dangerous Nick. Theresa was rushed to the hospital where Eve prepared to deliver her baby. Later, Ethan admitted he still loved Theresa, and would prove it by going on the lam with her, and as they took off, Eve realized both Theresa and her baby could die. Wait to See: Ethan and Gwen kiss goodbye, and as he joins Theresa on the helicopter, it explodes!

PORT CHARLES

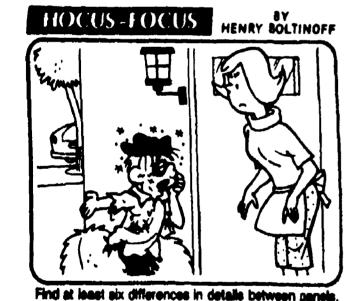
Alison learned who bought the pink roses, and then prepared Rafe's return. await Meanwhile. Kate freaked as she looked at one of the newly developed photos she, Jamal and Jack took at the barn. In the meantime, Livvie got help from an unlikely source in trying to persuade Rafe that she and he had been lovers. As Lucy worked to bring Kevin home, Rebecca pressured him to stay in "Barnadoon." Wait to See: Livvie takes another step down the low road.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

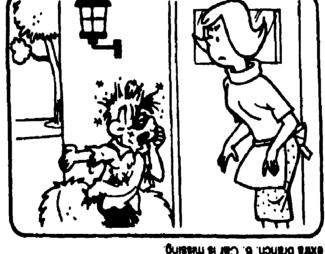
Chris reassured Michael that his kiss hadn't crossed the line. Meanwhile, Paul told Isabella that he and Chris were, indeed, over and he was ready to marry Isabella. Before leaving to see Ramona in New Mexico, Victor visited Ashley, who told him she'd had a cancerous tumor removed from her breast. Max told Nikki that Victor was on a journey to visit all of his exwives and lovers. As Warton made plans to investigate Ralph's background in Tucson, Amanda was arrested for stealing Jill's bracelet. Wait to See: Neil is about to self-destruct.

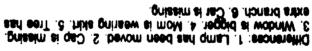
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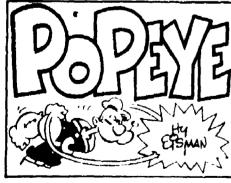
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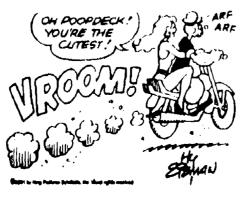
















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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

"The Sum of All Fears"

Too Close for Comfort



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By Michael S. Goldberger Cone Popcorn, Poor • Two Popcorns, Fair • Three Popcorns, Good • Four Popcorns, Excellent

When things go really kablooey in "The Sum of All Fears," when the unthinkable scene that earns the film its title arrives, anyone with a shred of common sense is bound to ask themselves, "Do I really need this? Is this entertainment? Is this why I came out to the movies?"

And then you think it out a little further. It would be unfair to completely dismiss this most recent filming of a Tom Clancy novel as out and out fear mongering, intentional or otherwise. Oh, that's certainly some of it. But not all of it. Yet while it's only slightly detectable, there is an emotion conjured here beyond the horrific sensationalism of our worst fears being realized.

But it's hard to discern exactly what it is. And what's more, this je ne sais quoi by-product probably has a lot more to do with the viewer's subconscious cognition than anything intentionally interjected by director Phil Alden Robinson and screenwriters Paul Attanasio and Daniel Pyne.

Fact is, we are great miners of information, always on the look-out for keys to our survival and rationalizations to comfort our souls. And our sixth sense says that there must be something here beyond the usual cliches of military powers being compromised by fringe zealots now capable of

mass destruction. There just has to be. But what is it?

It's certainly not Ben Affleck's performance. He's hardly believable as Jack Ryan, the Washington think tank historian turned international man of derring-do. Likewise, Morgan Freeman as his boss, CIA director Bill Cabot, hardly exudes his trademark avuncular charm this go-round. And doubtless the love affair between Affleck's everyman hero and Dr. Cathy Muller (Bridget Moynihan) isn't what'll be bringing 'em to the Bijou in droves. The lukewarm relationship plays like something left over from "Pearl Harbor" (2001). Nah, that's too kind. The trite affaire de coeur is more like something coming up for a last gasp of melodramatic spooning after lying dormant since "The Winds of War" (1983).

So again, what is it that holds our interest? Are we just curious? Is it simply that we want to see if the world survives? Certainly that may be some of it. But not all of it. Why, these days practically every adventure film has the fate of the world hanging in the balance. But this is different. And after a while we eventually discover that what is keeping usseat-edged is not something the film supplies, but rather what we've brought to the theater: the

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human spirit itself and our own innate sense of hope.

The "Sum of All Fears" exudes a discomfort level wrought not as much through any skill of the filmmaker as by its eeric proximity to the events of 9/11. It is a sad phenomenon of recent times. But now, with that cataclysmic event in our collective data bank, any action yarn with a terrorism theme practically achieves documentary status. There is an unfortunate seductiveness. Our brain's entertainment receptors are automatically drawn to said presentations for what information they may impart.

In short, we are shopping the disasters and looking for answers. We wonder: Could this be us? Can this help us? But as we witness, mouths agape, this utter horror that dares not speak its name, the gnawing question is, can such tragedy be averted? Because we know full well that even if Affleck and company save the day, after the curtain falls we will still be left to deal with the real-life angst that has been so painfully hammered home. Therein lies both the root of our attraction and the source of our uneasiness. Though, there is also the fleeting thought that we are purposely and conveniently being manipulated by Hollywood opportunists. But that's unthinkable, and therefore quickly dismissed. This is too serious. No one would dare do that, would they?

In looking for a way out of this worry, wishing that we could wake up from the nightmare of current events, we are reminded of the days when we had the luxof hypothetical Armageddons. Such was the case in "Testament" (1983), when Jane Alexander starred as Carol Wetherly, a distraught mom desperately but bravely trying to comfort her family following a nuclear blast. Then we were able to take a heartfelt but equally hypothetical lesson from director Lynne Littman about the horrors of atomic warfare. ensconced within the cushy armchairs of our fool's paradise, we could also note the film's fine dramatic qualities, especially its uniquely powerful use of understatement.

But that was before 9/11. And though nuclear sabers rattled then, just as they have ever since the invention of fission-powered weapons, there was security, whether real or perceived, that the balance of power between supposedly civilized nations would ensure that calm heads prevailed. But no more. Our enemies inform that they are anything but reasonable and calm. In fact, they assure us our biggest fear should be their irrationalism and shadowy motivation. And as they say, this changes everything.

Thus for the time being, even art has been set on its car. And, because we are forever searching every nook and cranny of our existence for enlightenment, when we do evaluate a film dealing with the subject in question we cannot help but ponder the age-old axiom about art imitating life and vice versa. We're hoping there's a clue hidden somewhere in the filigree.

But clearly, it is only because director Robinson's movie reeks of timely importance that it is given such critical leeway. In fact, imagine if we took the same cast and crew but changed the story just slightly, say into a tale about two warring brothers who own pizzerias on opposite sides of the same street but who never speak to each other. Odds are we wouldn't give it half the consideration this film has been receiving. Though, come to think of it, maybe we would. So skip the analogy. I see John Turturro and Kevin Kline as the leads. But later for that.

"The Sum of All Fears," rated PG-13, is a Paramount Pictures release starring Ben Affleck, Morgan Freeman and James Cromwell. Running time: 122 minutes



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Early Discount Registration Deadline Nears For Music Camp

AREA—The June 15 earlyregistration deadline for the children's music camp at Calvary Lutheran Church is fast approaching. Those registering by this date will receive a \$5-per child discount for the two-week program, which will run weekdays from July 29-August 9. Sessions will run from 9 a.m. 1 p.m.

The final registration deadline is July 1. However, space is limited, especially in the first- and second-grade classes and registration may be closed early.

The day camp will offer children entering grades one

through seven daily workshops in voice, hand bells, music reading, theater arts and staging. Campers also will be introduced to Orff instruments, dance, Bible stores and designing state sets.

Professional church musicians and music educators will staff the camp with support from adult and teen volunteers.

The two-week camp will culminate with the children staging a musical for family and friends on the last evening of the program, followed by an ice cream social.

The registration cost for the two-week program is \$125 per

child. This fee includes all music activities and classes. arts and crafts, recreation and movement, snacks, a camp tee shirt and the closing performance. Time will be provided each day for eating lunches brought from home.

In addition to the early registration discount, there is a \$15 discount available for each additional child registered from the same family.

For more information about the camp or registration, call Jave Newbold, associate in ministry, Calvary Lutheran Church at (908) 276-2418.

Forum Theatre Online

METUCHEN-Forum Theatre Company has an all new website. Check it out to get information on programming, directions to the theatre, special events, theatre classes and more.

The address is: www.forumtheatrecompany.com

Celebrated German Musical Group To Perform At Kutztown Festival

AREA-A German band that has earned international celebrity status for its traditional dialect music of the Rhineland will perform on stage every day during the 2002 Kutztown Festival.

"De Rauber" (The Robbers) is a four-man instrumental and vocal group that sings in a dialect that crosses old German and contemporary German and is similar to the Pennsylvania German dialect. The Rhineland, their home region, is the area of Germany from which many of the immigrants who became known as the "Pennsylvania Dutch" came in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

a singing group in 1991. They have appeared in over 3500 concerts in Europe, have been featured numerous times on radio and television, have several CD albums, and have earned a number of German musical awards including the "Narrischen Oscar."

Dialect music has become very popular in Germany in the past decade, in large part because of the influence of De Rauber. Members of the band are Kurt Feller, Karl-Heinz-Brand, Nobby Campmann and Wolfgang Bachem.

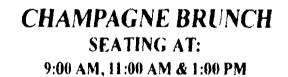
The German Consulate General in New York City in cooperation with the state government and cultural organizations in the Rhineland and the Kutztown University Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center are assisting in arrangements for the band's

Now in its 53rd year, the Kutztown Festival features a wide variety of good family fun. There are folklife presentations, 200 nationally recognized, juried folk artists and traditional American craftsmen; 1000 locally hand-made quilts for sale; antiques and collectibles, five stages of entertainment, music, dancing; De Rauber came together as a wide range of children's activities and plenty of food from snacks to full family style dinners.

> Dates for the 2002 Festival are June 29-July 7. Hours are 9 a.m. 6 p.m. daily. Admission for adults is \$9, for seniors \$8. Children 12 and under are admitted free. There is ample free parking. For a free brochure, call 1-888-674-6136 or (610) 683-1597. Visit the Festival website at www.kutztownfestival.com.

For more information, contact Dave Fooks at (610) 683-1537.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS

Unique Opportunity To Learn About Sports Broadcasting

AREA—High school and college students will have a unique opportunity to learn about sports broadcasting when WNBC-TV's Bruce Beck and Fox Sports Net's Ian Eagle conduct their first Sports Broadcasting Camp from July 29-August 2 at the Yogi Berra Museum and Learning Center.

The Bruce Beck and Ian Eagle Sports Broadcasting

Camp will allow students, male and female, 14-andolder, to learn about game preparation, writing and interviewing skills, stand-up techniques, the differences between radio and television calls and on-air presentation. Lectures, daily visits from big name New York broadcasters and practice assignments lead up to the final assignment of

calling a New Jersey Jackals baseball game.

Beck has served as the weekend sports anchor and weekday sports reporter at WNBC-TV since 1997. He also works on NBC's coverage of the NBA and hosts the Rutgers University football and basketball coaches shows.

Eagle has worked for Fox Sports Net for seven years at the

New Jersey Nets television voice. He also works for CBS Sports on its coverage of the NFL and college basektball and hosts sports talk shows on WFAN.

More information is available about Bruce Beck and Ian Eagle Sports Broadcasting Camp by calling (908) 233-1113 or by e-mail at Imagine ProductionsLLC @hotmail.com.

CLASS REUNIONS

Perth Amboy High School, Class of 1992, is planning a 10-year Reunion. For more information, call Tara at 908-281-1041.

Woodbridge High School, Class of 1947, will be holding its 55th Reunion on Sunday, Oct. 6, 2002 at the Pines Manor in Edison. For more information, call Doris at 732-738-7445.

New Accelerated Communication Degree Program

MORRISTOWN—The College of St. Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Morristown, announces Saturday Fast credits or an associate degree. Track, a new fall 2002 program which offers adults the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Arts in Communication with a special concentration in organizational communication, and a Business Administration minor in an accelerated Saturday-only format. The program is designed to be completed in two years and was created for adults at least

23 years old with five years of post high school experience and a minimum of 60 college

Dorothy Prisco, Dean of the School of Graduate and Cotinuing Studies said, "It's a one of a kind program for this area, one that meets the needs of both the individual and the corporation in Northern New Jersey. We are targeting a diverse group of men and women who, even though they may have different professional backgrounds, will be bound together by their desire to learn advanced organizational communication skills in a high-quality fast-track education setting."

Course topics include Communication Strategies for the Workplace, Marketing Communications, Principles of Persuasion, Organizational Change, Project Management and more.

There will be a Saturday Fast Track open house and financial aid workshop on Wednesday, June 26 from 5-7 p.m. in St. Joseph Hall. For

information/registration, call (973) 290-4190 or visit the College's web site at www. cse.edu.

McDonald's Offers \$25,000 In College Scholarships

York Tri-State restaurant owners are offering \$25,000 in scholarships to local collegebound high school seniors who demonstrate outstanding leadership in community service. Through the new McDonald's "Serve Your Community" scholarship program, local McDonald's owners will award five \$5,000 scholarships to New York Tri-State area students who best express through an essay, how they bring McDonald's mission "to give back to the communities where you live" to life.

To be eligible, students must be a present high school senior attending college during the fall semester of 2002. The essay, the student's community service record and financial need will be evaluated when selecting the five recipients.

Students can download a "Serve Your McDonald's Community" scholarship application on www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com. The scholarship deadline is July 10.

"For over 50 years, Mc-Donald's has upheld its com-

AREA—McDonald's New mitment of offering communi- on Upromise and other Mcty service initiatives to the communities in which we serve," said Mike Giunta, president of the McDonald's Restaurant Owners Association. "The McDonald's 'Serve Your Community' scholarship is another way for us to recognize and reward students who have played an active role in their communities."

The McDonald's Serve Your Community Scholarship Program is just one initiative supported by New York Tri-State McDonald's owners to help students pursue higher education. Local McDonald's restaurant owners offer more than \$500,000 in scholarships to Tri-State area students each

In addition, McDonald's is encouraging customers to start saving for their children's college education through its partnership with Upromise a remarkable savings network which helps families save money for college by turning spending dollars into college savings. Visit www.mcdonaldsnymetro.com for information

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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

NSB Holding Corp. And Liberty Bancorp, Inc. Announce Merger

AREA - NSB Holding Corp., Staten Island, New York and Liberty Bancorp, Inc. (Nasdaq:LIBB) jointly announce that they have entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Agreement)."

Northfield Savings Bank is a New York chartered savings bank which is wholly-owned by NSB Holding Corp., a New York corporation. Liberty Bank is a federally-chartered stock savings bank which is whollyowned by Liberty Bancorp, Inc., which is a federally-chartered mid-tier holding company and subsidiary of Liberty Bancorp, MHC, a federally-chartered mutual holding company.

Pursuant to the Agreement, the mutual holding company structure of Liberty Bancorp,

MHC will be eliminated and Liberty Bank will ultimately merge with and into Northfield Savings Bank and will operate as a division of Northfield Savings Bank. The stockholders of Liberty Bancorp other than Liberty Bancorp, MHC will receive \$26.50 in cash in exchange for each share of common stock, resulting in a cash payment by NSB of approximately \$34.5 million. Each of the Boards of Directors has approved the transaction.

John W. Alexander, Chairman and CEO of Northfield states, "We are both community-oriented financial institutions that share similar corporate values and are committed to serving our respective communities. The combined re-sources of

Northfield and Liberty will allow us both to continue to improve services on a more competitive basis while providing additional convenience to our customers. This transaction allows us to better utilize our strong capital position by expanding our deposit base in an attractive market that is in close proximity to Staten Island and sets the foundation for possible future expansion."

Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Liberty, John R. Bowen states, "We are excited about our partnership with Northfield. The Board of Directors believes that we have structured this merger to address the appropriate interests of our constituents, including a significant premium for

our public stockholders and our depositors will become depositors of a larger organization with greater financial resources. Furthermore, similarities in the business practices of Northfield and Liberty should facilitate the assimilation of the two entities."

The transaction is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2002. It is subject to several conditions, including the receipt of regulatory approvals and the approval of the stockholders of Liberty Bancorp and, if required, the members of Liberty MHC.

Pursuant to the Agreement, two members of Liberty Bancorp's Board will become members of NSB's Board. In addition, NSB will establish a New Jersey Advisory Board consisting of Liberty's current Board members.

Northfield Savings Bank, founded in 1887, serves its current community of Staten Island through eleven full-service offices. At March 31, 2002, NSB has total assets of \$1.1 billion, deposits of \$613 million and net worth of \$95 million. At March 31, 2002, Liberty Bancorp has total assets of \$346 million, deposits of \$270 million and stockholders' equity of \$31.5 million. Liberty will continue to operate seen full-service branches located in Middlesex and Union counties, New Jersey. Liberty Bancorp, MHC owns approximately 63.3 percent of the outstanding shares of Liberty Bancorp common stock.

Social Security Trust Funds: Long-Range Deficits Remain

AREA—The Social Security Board of Trustees declared that the Social Security program continues to be substantially undersinanced for the long term, while extending the projected solvency of the trust funds by three years.

In the 2002 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

• The projected point at which tax revenues will fall below pro-

gram costs comes in 2017- one year later than the estimate in late year's report;

- The projected point at which program costs exceed tax revenues plus interest from the trust funds comes in 2027-two years later than the estimate in last year's report;
- The projected point at which the trust funds will be exhausted comes in 2041- three years later than the estimate in last year's report;
- The projected actuarial deficit of taxable payroll over the 75-year long-range period is 1.87 percent-slightly larger than the 1.86 percent projected in the last year's report.

"These projections suggest that we have not lost ground in the past year," said JoAnne Barnhart, Commissioner of Social Security. "However, the report still projects that, once the trust funds are exhausted, payroll

meet only 73 percent of Social Security benefit obligations under current law. And projections for the late 21st century paint an even bleaker picture.

"The message of this report is clear," Commissioner Barnhart said. "In order to create a sound and sustainable future, long-term trust fund deficits should be addressed in a timely way to allow a gradual phasing in of any necessary changes, and so workers can adjust their plans accordingly.

"The President has put forth forth six principles to guide our search for a way to ensure that Social Security remains secure through the entire 21st century. Under these principles, current and near retirees can be assured that their benefits will not be adversely affected; and the 153 million workers covered by Social Security this year can be confident that retirement benefits under the program will be reformed and made secure and the disability and survivors benefit components will be preserved.

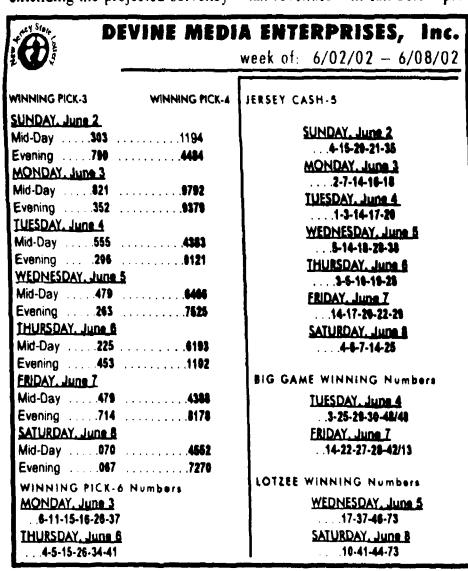
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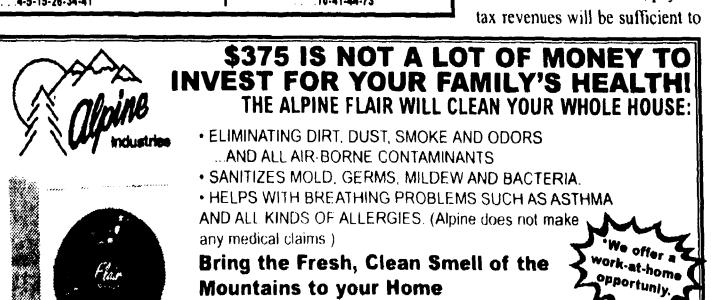
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discussion can yield a bipartisan plan that will ensure that Social Security will continue to play its essential role for today's retirees and other beneficiaries, workers, their children, and grandchildren. But, as the report issued today makes clear, we cannot postpone our task."

Based upon the most recent experience and updated methodologies, the Trustees made several changes in assumptions from last year's report. The short-term outlook was improved primarily because of higher assumed productivity growth and revenue form taxes paid on Social Security income. The longerterm deterioration in outlook resulted from the passage of another year, a lower death rate assumption and projected higher benefits on average. The combination means that at the end of the 75-year period the program is in a significantly worse position than projected in last year's report.

The 2002 Trustees Report is posted at www.ssa.gov/ OACT.





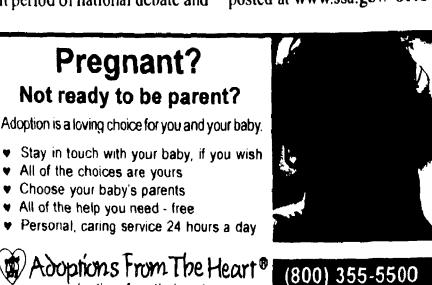
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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

NJ Tax Amnesty: \$7.5 Million Collected In First Two Weeks

STATE—New Jersey's Tax Amnesty program has generated \$7.5 million in collections during its first two weeks of operation, Amnesty Administrator Stephen M. Sylvester announced recently.

"This is an excellent start for Amnesty," Sylvester said. "It's clear that people who owe back taxes are getting the message that coming forward and paying now is their best option."

Sylvester said that 38,771 people have already contacted the Amnesty toll-free hotline, 1-800-781-8407. He said the main page the Amnesty website, www.njtaxamnesty. com has received 14,224 visits to date.

New Jersey Tax Amnesty ends at midnight on Monday, June 10. The program began on April 15.

Under Tax Amnesty, people and companies who owe back

taxes to New Jersey pay only the tax they owe; all penalties and interest are waived.

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After the Amnesty period ends, all penalties and interest will be reinstated and an additional 5 percent penalty, which shall not be subject to waiver or abatement, will be added to the amount due. A collection service fee may also be imposed.

Sylvester said it would be difficult at this point to predict how much revenue amnesty will ultimately generate.

"We believe our goal of \$150

million is reasonable, but the history of Tax Amnesties in New Jersey and other states indicates that most of the money comes in during the last two weeks of the program," he said. "People tend to treat an Amnesty deadline the same way they treat any deadline: They wait until the last minute."

Of the \$7.5 million generated to date, approximately \$4 million came from overdue Sales and Use Taxes. Paid liabilities from the Gross Income Tax were approximately \$1.5 million, and Corporate Tax liabilities accounted for approximately \$1.2 million.

Amnesty is available for tax liabilities incurred for tax returns due on or after Jan. 1, 1996 and before Jan. 1, 2002. All taxes collected and administered by the New Jersey Division of Taxation are eligible for Amnesty. Federal taxes, local property taxes and taxes paid to other states are not eligible.

Payments can be made by check, cashier's check, money order, credit card or electronic check (e-check) in person, through the mail or via the internet.

Working "Under The Table" Can Hurt You And Your Family

By Dennis Mass Social Security Manager in Elizabeth, New Jersey

AREA — Would you like to take home a paycheck with no deductions? If you're working "under the table," as some people call it, you get a bigger paycheck if your employer doesn't deduct Social Security taxes. Sound good? Before you answer, think about what this means for your future. First, it's illegal for your employer not to report your earnings to the Internal Revenue Service, and it's illegal for you

and your employer not to pay Social Security taxes on your earnings. Second, while you're not paying Social Security taxes, you're also not earning the work credits that will make you eligible for Social Security benefits in the future. So what, you ask? You're a long way from retirement.

However, Social Security is much more than retirement insurance. There also are disability and survivor benefits. Disability can happen to anyone-at any ageanytime. When you're paying into Social Security, you have a cushion of protection that could provide monthly payments for you and your family if you are unable to work. Few people have long-term private disability insurance. Every worker who pays Social Security taxes has Social Security disability insurance. If you aren't paying your Social Security taxes, then you won't have that disability insurance if you need it.

With Social Security survivors benefits, you also have the comfort of knowing your dependents

will have financial help when you die. Social Security survivors benefits paid monthly to the dependents of a worker with an average income could have the same value as a \$400,000 life insurance policy.

Now, about retirement: my advice to workers of any age is that it's never too early to start planning for retirement. Social Security never was intended to be your sole source of retirement income. While you'll need to supplement your retirement income with investments and

savings, paying Social Security taxes is the first step in preparing for your retirement.

Although you may think you need the money more now, you will need it even more if you become disabled or when you retire. And your family will need it even more if you die. That's the reason you need to think twice before you decide to work "under the table."

(For information about your Social Security benefits, visit www.ssa.gov/planners.)

Taxpayer Advocate Service Can Assist Taxpayers With IRS

tax law continues to be the number one problem facing individual and small business taxpayers. If you have a stubborn tax problem that you have not been able to resolve through normal IRS channels, you can get help from the IRS Taxpayer Advocate Service.

"The Taxpayer Advocate Service, an independent IRS organization, will ensure that your case is handled promptly and fairly, and that your rights as a taxpayer are protected," said Lyle Lauterbach, IRS Taxpayer Advocate in New Jersey.

"For those tough, ongoing problems, you have a powerful resource in the Taxpayer Advocate Service. Your Taxpayer

ear at the IRS," said Lauterbach.

If you are unsuccessful in resolving your tax problem through the usual IRS channels, you should contact the Taxpayer Advocate Service. If your situation qualifies, they will assign a Taxpayer Advocate to work directly with you until the issue is quickly and fairly resolved. This allows the Taxpayer Advocate to intervene, review the circumstances and facts of the case, and take appropriate steps as allowed by law to relieve the taxpayer's hardship. Advocates can not change the tax law or make a technical tax decision, but they can take a fresh and fair look at difficult problems.

Prior to contacting the Tax-

AREA — Complexity of the Advocate will be your listening payer Advocate Service, you should be ready to provide:

- · Your name, address and social security number
- Your telephone number and hours you can be reached
- Your previous attempts to solve the problem and the office you contacted
- The type of tax return(s) and the year(s) involved
- · A description of the problem or hardship

To contact the local Taxpayer Advocate in New Jersey call (973) 921-4043, fax (973) 921-4355 or write to Internal Revenue Service, Taxpayer Advocate Service, P.O. Box 745, Springfield, NJ 07081.

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Assemblyman
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June 14th is Flag Day. This June 14th marks the 225th birthday of the United States Flag. It was on that date in 1777 that John Adams introduced a resolution that the Continental Congress adopted. The resolution stated that the flag of the thirteen states would be of thirteen stripes of alternating red and white with the inclusion of thirteen stars on a blue field. This configuration would serve as the flag of the United States of America.

There are several theories regarding who created the original flag of the United States of America. If you ask most people, their answer is Betsy Ross. This seamstress from Philadelphia is commonly thought to be the creator of the first flag of the United States. Legend has it that Mrs. Ross was George Washington's personal seamstress who often mended his shirts and who's shop on Arch Street was only a few blocks the Statehouse on from Chestnut Street. According to this version of the history of the flag, Washington visited Ross's shop with two representatives from Congress and presented Ross with a rough drawing of how they wanted the flag to be crasted. This is said to have occurred in 1776, prior to Adams resolution which formally adopted the style of the American Flag.

There are some verifiable facts which support this version of events. Records from the State Navy Board of Pennsylvania show that Elizabeth Ross was paid a sum of twelve shillings and two pence for making ship's colors, or Navy flags. Most of the other details, however, were not substantiated by research. Searches into Washington's writings, government records, and other documents provided no concrete evidence of the visit Ross's to shop. Descendents of Ross published "Evolution of the American Flag" in 1909, but some historians disagree with the version of events it describes.

An alternate telling of the genesis of the United States Flag credits Francis Hopkinson as the first designer

of the American Flag. Hopkinson was a lawyer and a Congressman from New Jersey who was appointed to the Continental Navy Board in November of 1776. It is thought that during his service Hopkinson first designed the configuration which we now call the American Flag.

This version of events is substantiated by a lengthy conflict which took place wherein Hopkinson attempted to receive payment for designing the Flag. Hopkinson's request for payment was first approved by Congress then denied by the legislature, prompting the formation of a committee to investigate the validity of his claim. The investigation dragged on and was met with much difficulty from the members of the Board of Treasury. Hopkinson Eventually resigned from his office and gave up the conflict.

The ultimate finding of the investigative committee was that Hopkinson had indeed designed the American Flag but was not entitled to compensation because "He was not the only person consulted," and drew a high enough salary on the Continental Navy Board that additional compensation was not deemed necessary. While Hopkinson was not paid for designing the United States Flag, this conflict served to confirm and document the fact that he had a role in the creation of the first flag.

Both versions of the story exist in personal opinions and history books alike. We may never know for sure which is the true telling of events. But one thing is for certain: regardless of who originally designed it, the American Flag will always stand not only as a symbol of our great nation, but as a symbol of freedom, liberty, and justice throughout the world. People have given and will continue to give their lives in order to protect rights for which it stands. Stars and stripes, in red, white and blue, now more than ever, will always represent the many blessings that God has bestowed on this land.

Readers Commentary



Honoring Our Flag - Today And Every Day

Dear Editor,

When we hear the words: Nine-Eleven, our thoughts are overwhelmed by the mindnumbing images of destruction. Who among us can cast aside the sight of U.S. airliners slamming into the World Trade Center ... twice? Who among us can forget the unforgettable?

The heart-stopping images of September 11, 2001 are seared into our minds forever. The Twin Towers crumbled under the weight of death and destruction. The tragic images at the Pentagon. The airplane scattered across the usually serene Pennsylvania hillside. Innocent lives snuffed out in an act of cowardice and hate.

Yet, despite the carnage ... despite the broken buildings and shattered lives - the American spirit did not break. One photo captured the essence of the

resolve we all felt: Fire-fighters raising the American flag amid the rubble in New York City ... hoisting high a banner of hope in a sea of death and despair.

At about the same time, Americans at the Pentagon unfurled a large American flag right next to the charred gash where the hijacked airliner exploded.

All of America focused on our flag in this hour of darkness because it speaks volumes - without saying a word. Unfurled and proud, it gave "We the People" a common focal point, a sense of unity and community.

We put flags in our windows, on porches, on cars and trucks. Everywhere we looked we saw an American flag. The unifying symbol of a proud and freedomloving nation.

Today, nearly a year later, we are still seeing a continuing cel-

ebration of Old Glory. It's as if a whole new generation of Americans has come to understand the meaning of our flag, and why so many have always revered it.

Unquestionably it is the most beloved and recognized symbol of freedom in the entire world. So respected is it that some of America's closest allies even protect it by law from desecration.

We must all fly our U.S Flag with pride. We must all respect, honor and defend the constitution it stands for. We've all seen what the flag means to America. Today we honor the flagon its special day-and that it is fitting However, it is even more fitting that we honor our flag everyday.

Gene Buser
Public Relations Officer
American Legion, Post 263
Carteret

Animal Friendly

Dear Editor,

The new "Animal Friendly" license plate is now on sale at New Jersey DMV offices. This adorable plate was designed by syndicated "Mutts" cartoonist Patrick McDonnell, a New Jersey native.

Forty dollars from the sale of each license plate goes to the state's dedicated Animal

Population Control Fund, to spay and neuter dogs and cats of people receiving some forms of public assistance, as well as animals adopted from humane societies, shelters, and municipal pounds. The annual renewal fee of ten dollars is also used for this purpose.

The Governor's Domestic Companion Animal Council urges every animal lover to purchase this attractive license plate. It tells others you are "Animal Friendly" while helping countless animals that would otherwise be unable to find loving, permanent homes.

Nina Austenberg
Chairperson



By The Book

by Peter Book

Missing Memorial

During my walks around town I noticed that the plaque honoring Albert Muska has disappeared from its usual position on the front of the new BPA Bank at the corner of Hall Avenue and Amboy Avenue.

Albert Muska gave his life for this great nation and its ideals in North Africa in 1943. This plaque has been in place for many years at what used to be the Garfield Fire House. This building itself dates from 1910.

The reviewing stand for the historic landmarks dear to the

annual Memorial Day Parade has been in front of this building. A brass marker of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Society is still embedded in the wall. It notes that this point is 115 feet above mean sea level. This make it the highest point in the city, except for the Shull School nearby. Perhaps it has not been removed because there is a penalty in doing so.

I hope this is not another one of Mayor Joseph Vas' efforts in his quality of life campaign to obliterate revered historic landmarks dear to the hearts and souls of the older generation. May I remind Hizzoner that the sacrifices, spirit and hard work of the greatest generation (not mine but Tom Brokaw's designation) made it possible for him and the present generation to enjoy life and freedom. I am not blaming Hizzoner for this removal, however as the Big Boss and most powerful guy in town I respectfully urge him to use his influence in restoring this memorial to its proper place.

Resident To Attend FDU

SOUTH AMBOY-South Amboy resident Amber Witham will attend Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham this fall. She is the daughter of Matthew Witham and Amy Gumprecht.

Fairleigh Dickinson University has two uniquely dif-



ferent campuses in northern New Jersey, offering more than 50 different associate and baccalaureate programs and special accelerated programs.

the University's College at Florham, located on the former Vanderbilt-Twombly estate in suburban Madison (Morris County), offers undergraduate a classic experience for the contemporary world in a small college setting. Its focus is on providing outstanding on-campus and residential living opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, strong graduate and professional school preparation, and customized educational optionsall framed by a global perspective.

Witham will graduate from high school in June 2002 and

Local Choir Places At National Competition

PERTH AMBOY-Earlier this month, the Perth Amboy High School Choir participated in the Fiesta Val National Choir Competition. The choir competed against 12 other choirs from across the nation.

The mixed choir received a third place trophy and an excellent performance plaque. The chamber choir received a second place trophy and an excellent performance plaque. The gospel choir, male choir and treble choir received 1st place and an excellent performance plaque. The gospel choir also received the champion trophy for the best performance of all the gospel choirs.

Treble soloist Danielle Eduardo received an outstanding soloist trophy. Roberto Rodriguez directed the male choir. All other choirs were under the direction of Richard D. Johnson. The accompanist for the treble, mixed and chamber choir was Kristeen Marerro.

Amber Witham plans to major in English. McGreevey Announces \$28 Million

PERTH AMBOY-Demonstrating his commitment to repairing New Jersey's aging bridges, Governor James E. Bridge. McGreevey announced last weekthat the state will invest \$28 million in the reconstruction of the Victory Bridge in Perth Amboy in the upcoming

Joined by Assemblyman John Wisniewski and Perth Amboy Mayor Joseph Vas, McGreevey said the improvements to the 76 year old bridge would include replacing the moveable swing span with a 110 foot fixed-span structure, widening travel lanes and building inside shoulders, a sidewalk for pedestrians and 10foot outside shoulders that will be compatible for bicyclists.

fiscal year.

"The \$28 million investment in the Victory Bridge is an example of our administration's commitment to replace and restore New Jersey's aging bridges," said McGreevey. "Even in tight budgetary times, we have an obligation to ensure that the State's transportation infrastructure is safe and efficient."

The Victory Bridge, which was built in 1926, carries Route 35 over the Raritan River. Construction is scheduled to begin in spring 2003 and is expected to be complete in

2005. Overall, the State will invest over \$100 million in the reconstruction of the Victory

For Reconstruction of Victory Bridge

McGreevey noted that the Victory Bridge project is just one of three major bridge construction projects ongoing or set to begin over the Raritan River. The reconstruction of the Route 9 Edison Bridge, which complements a new Route 9 span that was opened to traffic last year, is scheduled for completion in 2004. Also, the construction of a new span next to the Garden State Parkway's Driscoll Bridge is scheduled to begin construction this fall.

In addition, a fourth project will begin this fall to reconstruct the Victory Circle, where Routes 9 and 35 converge in

Sayreville. All together, the three bridge repairs and improvements to Victory Circle represent a \$450 million investment by the State to improve traffic over the Raritan River and to make roads safer.

"We have already begun investing approximately \$450 million in this area alone to replace and fix the Route 9 Edison Bridge, the Parkway's Driscoll Bridge, the Victory Bridge and to eliminate the Victory Circle," the Governor continued. "We are investing our dollars wisely and have come up with some very innovative ways to fund badly needed projects, like the Driscoll Bridge replacement."

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Bomb Scare Turns Out To Be Hoax

EDISON-A suspiciouslooking device sent the bomb squad rushing to Edison last week, forcing a number of Oak Tree Road businesses to be evacuated.

On Thursday morning, June 6, an employee from Wilmer Limousine Service found a suspicious device while he was cleaning a new-model black Lincoln Town Car.

The device, located in the trunk of the car, turned out to be a bottle of water wrapped in duct tape with a ticking watch attached.

Edison Mayor George Spadoro said, "It looked like a bomb. It didn't look like a prank. In this post-9/11 environment, people think the worst-case scenario. We have to take this very serious."

Police evacuated businesses and closed Oak Tree Road to search for other devices, but none were found.

The limousine company's proximity to Air Products Inc., which stores highly pressurized and highly reactive oxygen, police needed to evacuate 30-40 businesses and close the

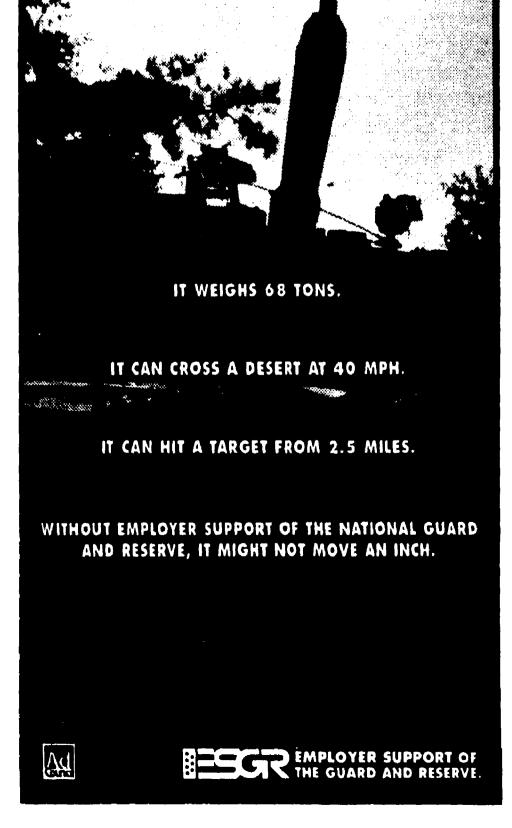
road for about an hour.

Authorities said that the bomb unit removed the device from the car at about 10 a.m., approximately two hours after its discovery by the limousine company employee.

Edison police are continuing a criminal investigation in hopes of discovering who planted the fake bomb.

David Wilmer, owner of the limousine service, says that he has no idea who placed the device. He believes that it was placed sometime between 9:30 p.m. on June 5, when the car was returned to the garage, and 5 a.m. on June 6. The driver who last used the car said the trunk was empty.

Coincidentally, the North Edison neighborhood lost power for about an hour and a half at about the same time of the bomb scare. The power failure was unrelated, caused by downed wires on Green Street in Iselin.



YOUR HEALTH NEWS

New Financial Guide For Parents Of Children With Disabilities And Other Special Needs

AREA — Caught up in the daily responsibilities of caring for a child with a disability, parents often push financial planning to the back burner. It can be difficult for parents to save enough both for retirement and for a disabled child's lifetime of care.

Postponing financial planning is understandable when a child's daily needs are more pressing, but lapse can result in someone else choosing that child's future, should parents become unable to oversee his or her care. Easter Seals and the National Endowment for Financial Education® (NEFE®)

have collaborated to create a booklet titled, With Open Arms: Embracing a Bright Financial Future for You and Your Child with Disabilities and Other Special Needs.

Written for parents, caregivers, grandparents, or other
involved in the care of a specialneeds child, this 72-page booklet is designed to help them plan
for a child's financial future. It
includes information on estate
planning, finding the right
lawyer of knowledgeable financial planner, wills, special trusts,
government benefits, savings
options, insurance plans, and
other available resources.

This booklet is designed to help parents face the financial challenges and look to opportunities for planning for the years ahead. Easter Seals and NEFE encourage families to start financial planning when their child with a disability is at a young age.

"Planning for the financial future of a child with a disability can seem overwhelming for a family. In addition to managing the special daily needs of their child, families are faced with medical bills and insurance statements waiting for their attention. This booklet can help families unravel the often daunt-

ing task of looking forward and providing a lasting future for their child," said James E. Williams, Jr. President and CEO of Easter Seals.

The booklet encourages parents to take a realistic look at long-term financial planning and offers practical, hands-on guidance. One useful worksheet titled "Making a Spending Plan" provides space for listing monthly income, identifying expenses, comparing income and expenses and making appropriate adjustments. Parents are reminded that their savings plan is important for the entire family: the child with a disability, his of her sib-

lings, and parents themselves.

For more than 80 years, Easter Seals has been providing services that help children and adults with disabilities gain greater independence. Easter Seals primary services are medical rehabilitation, job training and employment, inclusive child care, adult day services, and camping and recreation--benefiting more than one million individuals and their families each year through 450 centers nationwide. For more information about Easter Seals or to locate an Easter Seals services site near you, visit www.easterseals.org.

Quick Tips On Living With Asthma

AREA — Nearly 15 million people in the United States have asthma, a lung disease that affects people of all ages and races. Asthma episodes are triggered by a variety of irritants, such as heavy smoke, thick dust, or very cold air. These and other "triggers" cause an asthmatic's airways to constrict making it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to breathe.

There's no cure for asthma, but if you have the disease, it shouldn't stop you from leading a full, normal life. With your doctor and respiratory therapist's help, you can learn how to take good care of yourself and how to control your asthma effectively. Here are a number of tips that can help you live a more active life in spite of having asthma:

- 1. Seek qualified medical attention:
- See a doctor and respiratory therapist who are well informed about asthma and the newest treatments.
 - Get a treatment plan designed

just for you — everybody's asthma is different.

- Be sure you understand the plan; if it is not clear, ask questions.
- 2. Understand your medications:
- Asthma treatment plans often include several medications.
- Some medications offer quick relief during asthma episodes.
- Some medications are designed for long-term preventive care.
- Make sure you know which one to reach for in an emergency.
- 3. Avoid your asthma triggers:

- Pay attention to when asthma episodes happen to help determine what causes them.
- Take steps to avoid irritants your lungs are sensitive to that may mean giving away a pet, avoiding smoky rooms, or staying indoors on smoggy days.
- Consult your doctor or respiratory therapist for more information on common asthma triggers and how to avoid them.
- 4. Maintain good general health:
- Your body works most efficiently when in good condition.
- Eat healthy foods.
- Drink plenty of fluids.

- Exercise regularly.
- 5. Take control during asthma episodes when they happen:
- Do not try to ignore an asthma episode hoping it will just go away.
- Stay calm and practice good breathing techniques breathe in slowly through your nose and blow out through your mouth using the pursed-lip method (like you are trying to whistle).
- Use the medications your doctor prescribed to keep the episode from becoming any worse; it it does not work, contact your doctor or a local emergency clinic immediately.

June Is National Scieroderma Awareness Month

AREA — June is National Scleroderma Awareness Month. Scleroderma is a chronic, often progressive autoimmune disease in which the body's immune system attacks its own tissues. The disease, which literally means "hard skin," can cause thickening and tightening of the skin. In some cases, it causes serious damage to internal organs including the lungs, heart, kidneys, esophagus, and gastrointestinal (GI) tract.

Scleròderma can vary a great

deal in terms of severity. For a few individuals it is merely a nuisance; for others it is a life-threatening illness. For most, it is a disease that affects how they live their daily lives. Although medicines can sometimes help treat symptoms, there is no cure yet for scleroderma.

The Scleroderma Foundation /Tri-State Chapter, headquartered in Teaneck, NJ, is a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization serving the interests of persons with scleroder-

ma in the TriState area. As part of its three-fold mission of support, education, and research, the Scleroderma Foundation/Tri-State Chapter, the National Scleroderma Foundation, and other Scleroderma Foundation regional chapters fund \$1 million in new research each year, to find the cause and cure of scleroderma. Scleroderma Foundation/Tri-State Chapter Website: www.scleroderma.org/chapter/tristate. Toll-free number: 800-867-0885.

Study On Adolescent Migraines

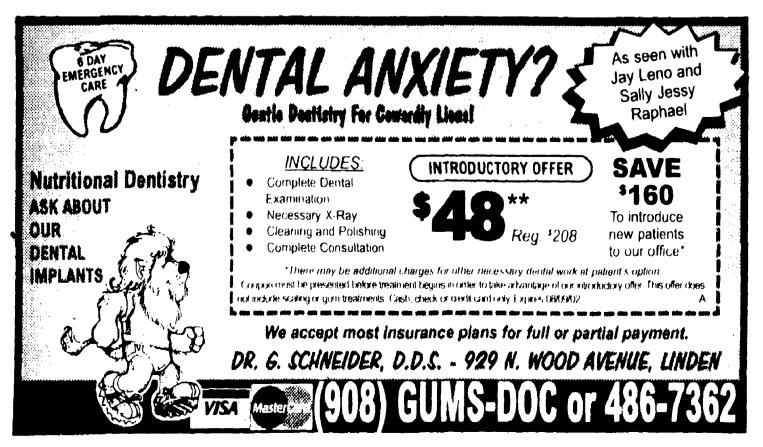
EDISON—From deafening music to the pressures of school to eyestrain caused by videogames, teenagers today have many stimulants that may cause headaches, but migraine headaches are the worst and can make teenagers feel miserable.

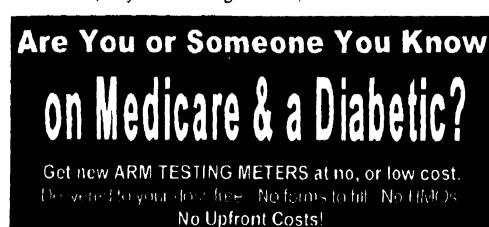
That's why the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center in Edison is conducting a clinical research study of a marketing drug for adolescents who suffer from migraine headaches. If your teenager is 12–17 years old and has suffered from one to eight migraine headaches per month for the last two months, they could be eligi-

ble to participate in the study.

The New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center is a comprehensive facility designed exclusively for the diagnosis, treatment and research of complex neurological disorders in adults and children. Services offered at the Institute include programs in spine and brain tumors, dizziness and balance disorders, epilepsy, cerebral palsy, stroke and movement disorders and a comprehensive sleep disorder clinic and laboratory.

For more information about this study, contact (732) 321-7000, ext. 62561.





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YOUR MILITARY NEWS

Eosso Completes Perez Arrives For Ko Marine Training Duty Gr

SAYREVILLE—Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Nicholas A. Eosso, son of Deborah J. and Alan L. Eosso of Sayreville, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

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

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

Eosso is a 1998 graduate of East Brunswick Vocational-Technical High School.

Perrine Completes Marine Training

EDISON—Marine Corps Pvt. Robert J. Perrine, son of Donna M. and Robert E. Perrine of Edison, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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Perrine is a 2001 graduate of Edison High School.

PERTH AMBOY — Air Force Airman Jay Perez has arrived for duty at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

Perez is a vehicle operations/dispatcher apprentice assigned to the 437th Transportation Squadron.

He is the son of Felicita and Francisco Rodriguez of Perth Amboy.

The airman is a 1991 graduate of Perth Amboy Vocational Technical School.

Vera Returns From 63-Day Deployment

PERTH AMBOY—Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice Alcides Vera, III, son of Maria and Alcides Vera of Perth Amboy, recently returned from a 63-day law enforcement deployment to the Caribbean Sea and coastal waters of the United States while assigned to U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Legare, home ported in Portsmouth, Va.

Legare's crew started the deployment with tailored annual cutter training in Little Creek, Va., testing the ship and crew's ability under a variety of antiwarfare and damage control scenarios. Vera's ship then participated in counter narcotic and migrant interdiction operations covering more than 9,150 nautical miles with the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force East based in Key West, Fla.

Coast Guard cutters like Legare are primarily assigned law-enforcement responsibilities including drug and illegal immigrant patrols, fishery enforcement operations, and search and rescue missions. They are equipped with a computerized command and control system that provides maximum operational effectiveness.

Vera is a 1998 graduate of Perth Amboy High School, Perth Amboy and joined the Coast Guard in July 1998.

Kokoszki Graduates Coast Guard Training

SOUTH AMBOY — Coast Guard. Seaman Apprentice Kenneth C. Kokoszki, son of Mary Szaro of South Amboy, and Ken Kokoszki of Parlin, recently graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center, Cape May, N.J.

During the eight-week training, Kokoszki completed a vigorous training curriculum of classroom academics and practical instruction on water safety and survival, military customs and courtesies, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness, health and wellness.

He also received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values-honor, respect and personal conduct.

He is a 1999 graduate of St. Mary's Regional High School, South Amboy.

Stephano Reports For Duty

AVENEL—Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Robert A. Stephano, son of Jessie M. Menard of Tucson, Ariz. and Robert A. Stephano of Avenel, recently reported for duty with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron 13, Marine Air Group 13, 3rd Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz.

Stephano is a 1992 graduate of New Britain High School, New Britain, Conn. and joined the Marine Corps in December 1992.

Herczegh Completes Basic Military Training

WOODBRIDGE—Marine Corps Pfc. Charlton D. Herczegh, son of Luz M. and Joseph Herczegh of Woodbridge, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

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

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

He is a 2001 graduate of Woodbridge High School.

Rocktoff Joins U.S. Army

METUCHEN—David T.
Rocktoff has joined the
United States Army under the
Delayed Entry Program and
will report to Fort Jackson,
Columbia, S.C., for basic
training.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year. The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education.

After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Rocktoff, a 2001 graduate of East Brunswick High School.

He is the son of Christine N. Briscoe of Metuchen and Hugh N. Rocktoff of Roselle Park.

Everette Completes Military Training

EDISON—Marine Corps Pvt. Steven L. Everette, a 2000 graduate of Edison High School, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

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

In addition to the physical conditioning program, he spent

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

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

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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

Financing Your Business

MIDDLESEX COUNTY

A free business counseling and loan workshop for area small business owners and start-up companies will be held on Friday, June 7 from 9 a.m. 12 noon at the Middlesex Small Business Development Center at the Food Manufacturing Technology Facility located at 120 New England Avenue, Piscataway.

The sponsors of the program are the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), Mercer/Middlesex Small Business Development Greater Center, Newark **Business Development Consort**ium, Service Corps of Retired Executives and the New Jersey Statewide Minority Business Development Center.

Representatives from each

group will explain SBA loan and business counseling programs. SBA lenders will also be available to discuss and review loan applications with small business owners and start-up companies.

To register, call the Mercer/Middlesex Small Business Development Center at (732) 445-6134.

St. Peter's College Holds 111th Commencement

AREA—St. Peter's College held its 111th Commencement on May 19 at the PNC Bank Arts Center, Holmdel, for more than 800 full-time, part-time, evening and graduate students.

Several area residents received degrees:

Luis J. Crespo of Perth Amboy, received a Bachelor of Science degree; Jeffrey A. Ebner II of Perth Amboy, received a Bachelor of Science degree; Charles James Farr of Woodbridge, received a Masters in Education degree; Charles R. Ford of Woodbridge, received a Masters in Education degree; Colleen James of Perth Amboy, received a Bachelor of Science degree; Yenifer Lam of Sewaren, received a Bachelor of Science degree; Corey Calvin Lowery of Perth Amboy, received a Masters in Education degree; Russell V. Yap of Colonia, received a Bachelor of Science degree and Michael E. Keller of South Amboy, received a Bachelor of Science degree.

The graduating class heard from Commencement Speaker Dr. Kenneth T. Jackson, the Jacques Barzun Professor of History and the Social Sciences at Columbia University. Dr.

Jackson is best known for his editorship of the 1,373-page Encyclopedia of New York City and his presidency of the New York Historical Society.

St. Peter's College is the Jesuit College of New Jersey. Founded in 1872, St. Peter's has an enrollment of more than 3,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The main campus is located in Jersey City and a branch campus, specializing in adult education, is located in Englewood Cliffs. St. Peter's also offers classes in downtown Jersey City near the waterfront financial district.

Local Residents Graduate From Bloomfield College

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ---Hamilton Ochia of Avenel, Loren A. Herka and James A.Newton, both of Edison, have participated in Bloomfield College's 129th Commencement exercises on May 23 and bachelor's their received degrees. A total of 240 students participated in the ceremony in which the independent, fourvear, co-educational institution conferred Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees.

Honorary doctorates were awarded to former Chairman and CEO of Kings Super Markets, Allen I. Bildner; philanthropist and President of SME Co., Joan Lebson Bildner; founder of Aspira, Inc., Dr. Antonia Pantoja; and Executive Director of the Rose Center of the Hayden Planetarium, Dr. Neil de Grasse Tyson.

Founded in 1868 as a Presbyterian seminary, Bloomfield College has renewed itself to meet the changing needs of the community. The College has earned national recognition for its innovative, high quality academic and co-curricular programs and for its commitment to serve students from all backgrounds, particularly those who have traditionally been excluded from higher education. Its mission is to prepare students to attain academic, personal and professional excellence in a multicultural and global society.

Local Physician Named Sports Chiropractor Of The Year

MIDDLESEX COUNTY — Old Bridge physician and Manalapan resident Ira Shapiro, DC, DACBSP, was honored with the 2002 New Jersey Chiropractic Society Sports Council's Sports Chiropractor of the Year Award at the organization's recent Olympic Sports Chiropractic Symposium.

James E. McGreevey, Governor of the State of New Jersey, recognized the honor by presenting Shapiro with a proclamation for "his inspiration and encouragement to the countless individuals whose lives he has touched." Old Bridge Mayor Barbara Cannon also presented him with a proclamation.

Shapiro, who has 19 years of practice experience specializing in sports injuries, is the Director of Plaza Chiropractic Center in Old Bridge. He served as a treating chiropractor at the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta, and at the U.S. Olympic Committee's Training Center in Colorado Springs. Shapiro has been an attending physician for numer-

ous organizations and events, including the U.S. National Collegiate Tae Kwon Do Championships, the Professional Bowlers Association, the Professional Rod-eo Cowboys Association, the Ironman Triathlon World Championships and the Garden State Kick Boxing Championships.

Shapiro, who is past president of the New Jersey Chiropractic Society's Sports Council, also has considerable experience with work-related injuries, including back and neck problems. He is on the Board of Directors of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians, and is a member of numerous other professional organizations, including the American Chiropractic Association Council on Sports Injury, International Chiropractic Pediatrics Association and American College of Sports Medicine.

Shapiro is a Board Certified Diplomate of the American Chiropractic Board of Sports Physicians, a certified personal fitness trainer and a certified emergency medical technician.



available at the new Food Court. Entertainment begins with a DJ at 6p.m. Feel free to set up blankets and lawn chairs after 4p.m. Please Bring A Non-Perishable Food Item for the Woodbridge Food Bank Committee and Receive a Chance to Win a Panasonic 25" Color TV for Every Item You Donate. In the event of inclement weather, call 602-6045 after 5:30p.m.

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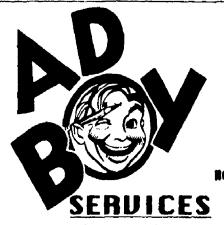
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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

New Report Details Real Cost Of Living In New Jersey

MIDDLESEX COUNTY
— To make it out of poverty, a single parent with one preschooler and one school-age child in Middlesex County, must earn a minimum of \$42,916 per year, without government or private support. The same family would need to earn \$34,898 in Camden County, \$36,620 in Atlantic County, \$36,620 in Atlantic County, \$39,679 in Bergen County and \$46,641 in Monmouth County.

These and other figures revealing the real cost of living in New Jersey are in a report released recently by Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ), entitled, "The Real Cost of Living in 2002: The Self-Sufficiency Standard for New Jersey." The report, written by Dr. Diana Pearce of the University of Washington and Jennifer Brooks of Wider Opportunities for Women (WOW), is based on a new study updating the results of a study conducted in 1999. Pearce originated and developed the Self-Sufficiency Standard, which has now been completed for 23 states.

"Unfortunately, many families do not earn self-sufficiency wages, particularly if they have recently entered the workforce," said Pearce. "They cannot afford their housing and food and child care, much less their other basic needs, forcing them to make painful choices between necessities, or to accept substandard or inadequate child care, insufficient food or substandard housing."

The Self-Sufficiency Standard for New Jersey describes the amount of money that a family requires to meet its basic needs at an adequate level, without public or private subsidies; in effect, it identifies what can be considered the true cost of living in the state. Pearce's methodology produces standards for 70 different family types (from zero to three children, of four different ages and for one or two adults), for each county in the state. This data, along with the written analysis included in the final report, is intended to provide a tool for planning and evaluating a wide range of programs and policies affecting lower-income people.

Comparing the Self-Sufficiency Standard to other benchmarks reveals a huge disparity between the true cost of living and measures traditionally used as poverty thresholds. The report's figures for Middlesex County (for the family of three described above) are as follows: Self-Sufficiency Standard: \$42,916; Federal Poverty Level \$15,020 (35 percent of the Standard); Full-time minimum wage \$14,504 (34 percent of the Standard); and Welfare & Food Stamps \$9,360 (22 percent of the Standard).

The Standard is just 55 percent of the median income in Middlesex County, which is \$78,300.

Funding Workshop Offered

MIDDLESEX COUNTY - Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission presents Money: How to Find It and Ask for it, a workshop on locating and obtaining funding at the Middlesex County Administration Building in New Brunswick on Tuesday, June 18 at 7 p.m. The workshop is designed for staff, board and volunteer members of arts, history and cultural organizations, not-forprofit community groups and government agencies that produce arts and cultural programming.

Money: How to Find It and Ask for It will empower organizations with the knowledge necessary to achieve financial success. The workshop is presented by Pat Bohse, Management Consultant of Bohse and Associates. The workshop topics will include information on researching potential corporate and non-profit funders, locating and contacting funders, using the internet as a resource, presenting your organization and mission, and the elements of a successful proposal.

This program is offered free of charge, however registration is required. To register contact Niquole Primiani, Arts Services/Grants Coordinator, or Isha Vyas, History Services/Grants Coordinator at (732) 745-4489. You may also

register via fax at (732) 745-4524, or e-mail info@culture-heritage.org. Those with hearing disabilities may call (732) 745-3888 (TTY) or 711 via the New Jersey Relay Service. To arrange for a sign language interpreter contact the Commission at least two weeks in advance. The Administration building and the Freeholder Meeting Room are fully accessible and an assistive listening system will be available.

This program is made possible in part by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.



HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEE—Three Middlesex County College students were inducted into the college's chapter of Lambda Epsilon Chi, the national honor society in Paralegal/Legal Assistant Studies in May. Pictured from (L.–R.) are Ronald Goldfarb, dean of Business, Computer Science and Engineering Technology; inductee Jo Ann Lesko (Old Bridge), curriculum coordinator Dr. Jean Volke; and Professor Richard Ellison, chair of the Department of Accounting and Legal Studies.



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OBITUARIES

Helen DeMuro, 84 of Woodbridge

Mrs. Helen (Sarno) Muro of Woodbridge died May 21 at Hartwyck at Edison Estates in Plainfield. She was 84.

Born in Woodbridge and lived there all her life.

She was employed for 10 years as a custodian in the Woodbridge Township school system before retiring in 1983.

Prior to that, she was

employed by Gluten Industries in Metuchen as an assembler. Mrs. DeMuro was a parishioner of St. James R.C. Church in Woodbridge.

Her husband, Anthony, died in 1996. Her daughter, Gail Carol DeMuro, died in 1980.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA TAMPA DIVISION

ANCHOR GLASS CONTAINER CORPORATION.

Case No. 02-07233-8C1

NOTICE REQUIRING FILING OF PROOFS OF CLAIM AND PROOFS OF EQUITY SECURITY INTEREST

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 15, 2(K12, the above-captioned debtor and debtor in possession herein (the "Debtor"), filed a voluntary petition for refref under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. § 101, et aeq. (the "Bankruptcy Code") anthe United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division (the "Court"). The Debtor continues in the possession of its property and the management of its business as a debtor in

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Court has entered an order dated May 14, 2002 (the "Bar Order"), requiring all persons and entities, including, without limitation, individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts, unloss and governmental units, EXCEPT THOSE PERSONS AND ENTITIES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPHS A THROUGH D BELOW, that ascert a claim or equity security interest against the above-captioned debtor to file a written proof of claim or written proof of interest (collectively, the "Proof of Claim") by delivering the Proof of Claim in person (during regular business hours) or by mail to:

Acclaris, LLC ACC Claims P.O. Box 22105 Tampa, FL 33622-2105

SO THAT IT IS ACTUALLY RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JULY 8, 2002 (the "Bar Date"). Such Proofs of Claim will be deemed filed only when they are actually received by Acctans, LLC. As used herein and as defined in section 103(5) of the Bankruptcy Code, the word "claim" means. (a) right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, ilquidated, unfiquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured; or (h) right to an equitable remedy for breach of performance if such breach gives rise to a right to payment whether or not such right to an equitable remedy is reduced to judgment, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, secured or unsecured. As used herein and as defined in section 101 (16) of the Bankruptcy Code, the word "equity security" means: (a) share in a corporation, whether or not transferable or denominated "stock," or other similar accurity, or (b) interest of a limited partnership, or (c) warrant or right, other than a right to convert, to purchase, sell, or subscribe to a share, security, or interest of a kind specified in subparagraph (A) or (B) of 11 U.S.C. § 101(16).

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE A PROOF OF CLAIM AND FAIL TO DO SO IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED, YOU WILL BE FOREVER BARRED FROM VOTING UPON, OR RECEIVING DISTRIBUTIONS UNDER, ANY PLAN OR PLANS OF REORGANIZATION FOR THE DEBTOR OR ITS ESTATE, AND WILL BE FOREVER BARRED FROM ASSERTING ANY SUCH CLAIM AGAINST THE DEBTOR OR ITS ESTATE, EXCEPT THAT:

- "Schedules") filed with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court on or before May 12, 2002, or any amendments thereto, (ii) whose claim or equity security interest is not listed as "disputed," "contingent" or "unliquidated" in the Schedules and (iii) who agrees with the amount and classification set forth in the Schedules need not file a Proof of Claim. Any person or entity (i) whose claim or equity security interest is listed in the Debtor's schedules of liabilities (the
- B. Any person or entity that has already properly filed a Proof of Claim with the Clerk of the United States Bank-niptcy Court for the Middle District of Florida need not file a duplicate proof of claim.

 C. Any person or entity whose claim or equity security interest was previously allowed by Order of the Court need not file a proof of claim.
- Any person or entity whose claims arises under 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1) as an expense of accrimistration need not file
- a proof of claim PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Proofs of Claim shall conform substantially to Official Bankruptcy Claim

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the holder of any claim arising from the rejection of an unexpired lease of executory contract shall file any claim on or prior to the date fixed in the order authorizing such rejection. If the order does not specify a date, such claims must be filed on or before the later of (i) the Bar Date, and (ii) thirty (30) days after entry of the order authorizing such rejection

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that in the event that the Debtor amends its Schedules subsequent to the date hereof, the Debtor shall give notice of such amendment to the holders of the claims or equity security interests affected thereby and such holders shall be afforded thirty (30) days from the date on which such notice is given (or such other time period as may be fixed by the Count to file Proofs of Claim, if necessary, or forever he barred from doing so

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that this notice may be sent to persons or entities who may not have claims against or equity security interests in the Debtor or who are not required to file a Proof of Claim. The fact that you received this notice does not mean that the Debtor believes that you have a claim.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Debtor's Schedules may be examined and inspected by interested parties during regular hydrics should at the offices of the Clerk of the Bankrupicy Court, United States Bankrupicy Court, Sam M. Gibbons U.S. Courthouse, N.) 1 N. Florida Avenue, Tampa, FL. 33602.

Dated: May 16, 2002 David K. Oliveria Clerk of the Court for the Middle District of Florida

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Grace Hawrylko

of Avenel

Mrs. Grace Marie Hawrylko of Avenel died May 21 at Mary Ann Hale Hospice at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Perth Amboy, and had resided in Avenel for 66 years.

She was a graduate of Middlesex Community College with an associate's degree in accounting. She was a recipient of the Frank M. Chambers Award for academic achievement at Middlesex Community College.

Mrs. Hawrylko was a manager of the MCMD costaccounting department at Merck & Co. in Rahway for 42 years before retiring in 1990.

She was a communicant of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Perth Amboy.

She was also a member of Merck Retirees Club as well as its Quarter Century Club.

mother, Augusta Kennedy and a sister, Edith Hawrylko, are both deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Bernice Steele, of Edison, and several cousins.

John F. Molitoris of Perth Amboy

Mr. John F. Molitoris of Perth Amboy died May 31 at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy. He was 77.

Born in Perth Amboy, he was a lifelong resident.

He was the co-owner of Molitoris Tavern in Perth Amboy for 30 years, retiring in 1974.

Afterward he was a bus driver with Oak Tree Bus Service in Edison.

Mr. Molitoris was a disabled veteran of the Army Air Corps, serving in World War II. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans of America Chapter 52, the Sayreville American Legion, and a life member of the WA-XO-BE Archery Club in Milltown.

His parents, of John and Anna (Jacko) Molitoris, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Lois (Christensen) Molitoris; three daughters, Joyce Klahr of Hollywood, Fl., Wendy French of Fort, Calhoun, Neb., and Susan Miceli of Hammonton; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Joanne Donnelly of South Amboy

Donnelly of South Amboy died May 26 at home. She was

Born in South Amboy and lived there all her life.

She was a registered nurse that was employed by the South Amboy Board of Education as the school nurse for 30 years before retiring in Amboy. 1992.

She was previously employed by St. Vincent Hospital in New York City, and as the plant nurse at Hercules Inc. in Parlin.

Mrs. Donnelly was a 1952 graduate of St. Vincent Hospital School of Nursing, New York City and a member of the St. Vincent's Alumni Association.

She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Jersey City State College in 1973. She was

John R. Hahn, 46 of Carteret

Mr. John Robert Hahn of Carteret died May 22 in Pennsylvania. He was 46.

Born in Newark, he lived in Carteret most of his life before recently moving to Pennsylvania.

He was a communicant of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Carteret.

His father, John Richmond, is deceased.

Surviving are his mother, Barbara (Baer) Hahn of Newark, and a daughter, Sondra Sattazahn of Pompton Lakes.

George Karacz, 78 of Perth Amboy

Mr. George "Urko" Karacz of Marlton, (formerly of Perth Amboy and Bayville), died May 26 in Medford. He was 78.

Mr. Karacz worked for General Motors in Linden as an inspector, retiring after 32 years with the company.

He was a member of the Ukrainian American Club of Ocean County and St. Stephen's Ukrainian Catholic Church in Toms River.

Surviving are his wife, Mary (Onyshko) Karacz; a son, Gerald Karacz of Beechwood; a daughter, Dorothy Washlick of Mount Laurel; five grandchildren, Natasha and Nadia Washlick, Jennifer, Jerry and Jeffrey Karacz, and a sister, Maria Karacz of the Ukraine.

Mrs. Joanne E.(O'Leary) a member of the Middlesex County Education Assn., the NJEA, and the NEA. She was also a member of the Middlesex County Retired Educators Assn., and a life member of the South Amboy PTO.

She was a member of St. Mary's R.C. Church in South

A son, John M. Donnelly Jr. in 1982; two brothers, Thomas and William E. O'Leary; and her sister, Sister Marie Thomas O'Leary, R.S.M., are all deceased.

Surviving are her husband, John M. Donnelly Sr.; her son, Thomas J. of Toms River; her daughter, Mary Ellen Donnelly of South Amboy; her brother, John T. O'Leary of South Amboy; and two grandchildren, Thomas J. and Meghan P. Donnelly.

Alma D. Chitwood of Edison

Mrs. Alma D. Chitwood of Edison died May 16 at JFK Medical Center in Edison. She was 102.

Born in Perth Amboy, and lived in Perth Amboy most of her early life. She moved to Edison in the late 1950s. She lived in Redfield Village in Edison and then at The Senior Residence in Metuchen. She spent a short time at the Danish Home in Metuchen.

Mrs. Chitwood worked at a factory toward the war effort during World War II.

She was a waitress most of her life. She was head waitress at The Pines in Metuchen and at Seven Arches in Perth Amboy. She catered many private parties and was in charge of the coffee shop at Perth Amboy General Hospital (now known as Raritan Bay Medical Center).

Mrs. Chitwood was also a member of the Bartenders, Hotel & Restaurant Employees Union and did volunteer work at Roosevelt Hospital and The Soldier's Home in Menlo Park.

She was a member of Ladies Aid at St. Stephen's Lyckan Voa Lodge, the Danish Sisterhood, the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion in Perth Amboy, and a member of the Daughters of America.

Her husband, Carl Chitwood, died in 1968. She was also predeceased by her daughter, Joan McGregor; three sisters, Olga DiResto, Alice Feltus and Esther Anderson, and a brother, Einar Christensen.

Surviving is her son, Harold Chitwood of Chester.

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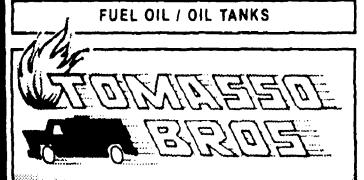
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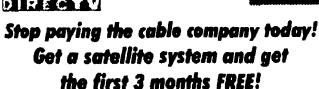
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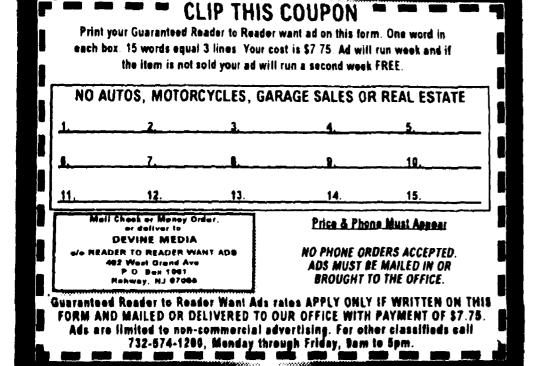
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Unsung Heroes Honored

METUCHEN - In May, the board of education meetings Board of Education honored six individuals as Unsung Heroes, a new focus of the board's Community twice-a-year **Recognition** Program.

Gloria Govelitz, Betty Kirtman, Gaye Hasslinger, Nick Ferarro, and Mary Fuess received the Unsung Hero awards. Mary Montgomery was also recognized posthumously.

Govelitz was honored for her work as videographer at the

and other events. Kirtman received recognition designing and producing the costumes for the high school musicals for over twenty years.

Hasslinger, a special-ed teacher and advocate for inclusion in Metuchen public schools, was nominated for being "the initial and constant voice in fostering inclusion in Metuchen."

Ferarro and Fuess were rec-

ognized for their work in supof Metuchen High port School's career development program.

Montgomery, who died last September, was a volunteer teacher's aide at Campbell School. Susan Canter, the who nominated teacher Montgomery, said in her citation, "Mrs. Mary Montgomery was a giving, dedicated, loyal and loving friend who volunteered her time to aid hundreds

of children who passed through High School. Campbell School during the last 10 years. From September 1991 to June 2001, Mary shared her time, energy and talents with students in the Enrichment and Unique Learners Reading Classes as she devoted four to five afternoons of every school week enhancing their school program."

the 2002 In addition, Governor's Teacher Recognition Award recipients were announced. They were: O'Brien. Marguerite Moss/Campbell School; Sandra Scharf, Edgar School, and Dianne Kuenzel. Metuchen

Recipients of the Metuchen Education Foundation grants also were announced. They were:

Michele Stoll, for the Moss School Big Books Project; Roseann Misrahi and Vivian Petrakakos, Edgar School Weather Station; Therese Snyder, Edgar School Junior Great Books Program; Marilyn September Higgins, 11 Commemorative Collection; Evan Robbins, Harvard Model Congress; Mary Lou Roma Scott, audio reproduction units, and Barbara Johnson and Paula Green, Bulldog's Bazaar.

South Amboy Student **Graduates Pace University**

SOUTH AMBOY—Yung-Yu Chang of South Amboy was among the more than 3,400 degree recipients of the Class of 2002 at Pace University's commencement ceremonies on May 19, 20 and 23 in White Plains and New York City. In addition to undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees, the University awarded honorary degrees to Nikki Giovanni, Morton Bahr, Peter J. Denning, Eugene F. Hovanec and Mary Jo White.

Pace Law School's commencement exercises took place on May 19 on the Chapel Green in White Plains. Mary Jo White, U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York, will receive a Doctor of Laws.

Exercises for all other Commercial Science.

Westchester students were held on Monday, May 20 at the Westchester County Center. Author and poet, Nikki Giovanni received a Doctor of Humane Letters. Morton Bahr, head of the Communications Workers of America, was Doctor awarded a Commercial Science and Peter J. Denning, professor of computer science and chair of the Technology Council at George Mason University received a Doctor of Science.

New York City commencement took place on May 23 at Radio City Music Hall. Eugene F. Hovanec, vice president of finance and chief financial officer at Vitesse, will receive a Doctor of

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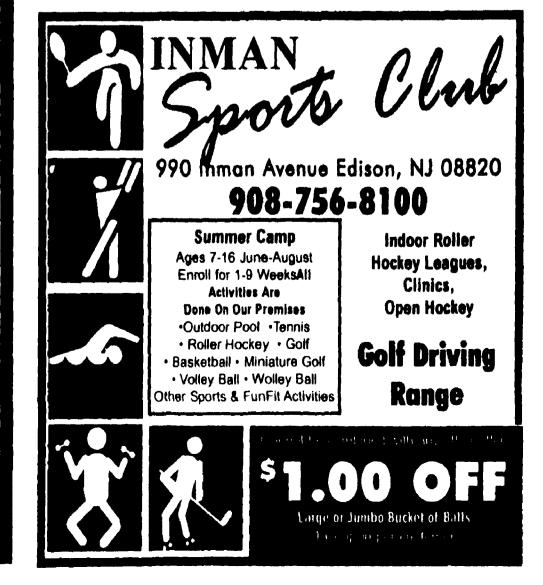
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