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Tough Times For Cetnar Family:

Police Director Must Repay Pension Fund; Son Faces Jail Time

PERTH AMBOY—Late last month, the state Treasury ruled that Perth Amboy Police Director Thomas Cetnar must repay \$390,000 in pension payments he received since retiring from the Newark police force in 1993.

The treasury department's police and fire retirement system board ruled that Cetnar was ineligible to receive his \$45,000 pension while drawing his \$101,193 salary for serving as Perth Amboy's police director.

The police pension board only realized that Cetnar was ineligible to receive his police pension last June, according to treasury department spokesman Ralph Siegel. Cetnar's pension

payments have stopped. Cetnar and the city are appealing the state's decision and are scheduled to appear before a state administrative law judge to challenge the ruling this month.

The board also found that Perth Amboy had not been deducting money from Cetnar's current salary to pay into the police pension system. The contributions are estimated at \$50,000 and the city is responsible for half the total because it did not enroll Cetnar in the pension plan when he was hired, according to Siegel.

Cetnar's son, former Newark police officer Thomas Cetnar III, is facing jail time. Last week, a state appeals court

rejected probation as an appropriate sentence for the younger Cetnar. The former Essex County prosecutor's captain was convicted of stealing almost \$5,000 from the office's fund for undercover drug purchases.

Cetnar III has previously been sentenced to probation two times by Superior Court Judge Phillip Lewis Paley, once after downgrading the severity of his crimes and a second time because he felt a prison sentence would be too harsh a punishment.

This time, however, a two-judge panel of the Appellate Division of the Superior Court decided that Cetnar III should spend some time behind bars.

He faces a sentence of five to 10 years on convictions from 1999 for official misconduct, theft, and tampering with a witness. The state had sought an eight-year prison sentence.

Cetnar III's lawyer said that he was disappointed and that an appeal to the state Supreme Court was under consideration.

The appellate court vacated Paley's most recent probationary sentence and sent the case to Superior Court Judge Barnett Hoffman. Middlesex County's presiding criminal judge, or his designee for resentencing. No specific sentence was recommended, and no time frame for resentencing has been set.

Sayreville Hires Temps For Suspended Staff

SAYREVILLE—The Borough Council has named temporary

replacements to help the borough run its construction office, which was left shorthanded after the recent arrest of four officials.

Construction official Anthony D'Altrui, fire subcode official David Herbert, plumbing subcode official James Hudson and electrical subcode official James Watson were arrested at Borough Hall and charged with defrauding the borough of \$130,000 by seeking payment for hours they did not work.

The four officials were sus-

pended without pay, pending a criminal investigation.

Gary Loftus has been appointed acting construction official, Michael Dandorph as acting fire subcode official and Chester Dudek as acting electrical subcode official. Council President Frank Makransky has said that the appointments are not to exceed 60 days.

"We've been reaching out to find people with the licenses to fill the spots we have now," said Makransky.

Loftus has worked for the borough since 1998, according to Business Administrator Alex

Previdi. Loftus currently receives \$27.24 an hour for his job in the construction department. He is due to see a raise to an hourly rate between \$30.67 and \$33.35, according to Previdi.

Dandorph began work in the borough in 1990, and became fire marshal in 1998. He is also the director of code enforcement and zoning, and makes \$54,000 a year according to Previdi.

Dudek, a resident of Old Bridge, has not previously worked for the borough. He will earn \$25 an hour, according to Previdi.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS**High School, Sergeant Honored For "Operation Shreveport"**

Editor's note: A version of this story of the Atom Tabloid & Citizen-Gazette in which

Assemblywoman Arline Friscia was not credited for the program. Here is the corrected story:

COLONIA—The General Assembly recently honored students and staff from Colonia High School who have worked tirelessly to provide support to Marines stationed aboard the U.S.S. *Shreveport* during Operation Enduring Freedom.

Assemblywoman Arline Friscia (D-Woodbridge) sponsored a pair of joint legislative

resolutions to honor the students and staff who participated in "Operation U.S.S. *Shreveport*" and to commend Sergeant Amanda Rose Hay who assisted the students in all aspects of the program.

Beginning in October 2001, the students participating in Colonia High School's "Operation U.S.S. *Shreveport*" sent cards and letters of encouragement, holiday treats and gifts to the Marines aboard the ship which is deployed in the Middle East.

The outpouring of support and appreciation continued on Jan. 5 when a school basketball game was dedicated to the men and women involved in Operation Enduring Freedom. Students and faculty dedicated this game out of respect and admiration for the Marines' unselfish willingness to respond to the call of duty and to protect the liberties and values embodied by this country.

"The students and faculty who volunteered their time are exemplary in their selfless behavior

and the embodiment of the American spirit," said Friscia. "This love and support sent overseas will most assuredly carry with the men and the women in the armed services until they return home. These modest displays of thanks and appreciation make us really remember that it is the little things in life that matter the most."

Friscia also honored Sergeant Amanda Rose Hay, a Marketing Public Affairs representative from the United States Marine Corps Recruiting Station in Iselin, who worked on the project with the Colonia High School students. Sergeant Hay helped to facilitate delivery of the gifts and correspondence between the students and the Marines aboard the U.S.S. *Shreveport*.

"Sergeant Hay is a perfect example of the dedicated, hard-working men and women in our armed services," said Friscia. "She is admired in the community, by the students and by her colleagues in the Marine Corps. This project could not have happened without her."

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Rena Jensen of Fords, David Ramos of Old Bridge, Jessie Jimenez of Perth Amboy and Chair & Chief Volunteer Officer of United Way of Central Jersey's Board of Trustees Christian C. Kjeldsen. The teenagers received the United Way of Central Jersey's "Hometown Heroes" Award for their volunteer efforts at the Hospital. The agency received a proclamation from Governor James E. McGreevey recognizing April as Volunteer Month. The United Way held its Awards Dinner on April 25 at the East Brunswick Hilton.

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Killer Comments On Notices

"I have no desire for your children, wives, husbands, pets, or anything else that you have. All I want is a normal life without the community being scared for no reason,"

MIDDLESEX COUNTY-A convicted child killer has distributed his own fliers to combat what he says are "misleading" public safety warnings about him.

Officials last week posted and handed out notices warning that Glenn Haslam Barker, 43, was convicted of murdering a 12-year-old girl in Virginia in 1982. The notices detail his criminal history, which also includes kidnapping a 16-year-old girl.

The notices said Barker, who has been living the area since 1997, has cruised mall parking lots, assisted a stranded female motorist and has coached youth basketball and baseball teams.

The convicted child killer from Virginia spent four months coaching kids at a New Jersey YMCA before officials learned of his murderous past.

The South Brunswick YMCA unwittingly hired the child killer in 1998 after he served as a part-time volunteer during the winter.

According to YMCA Branch Director Dave Anderson, Barker failed to inform the YMCA of his criminal record when he was hired a full-time paid employee for the summer program.

Over several days last week, Barker left his own two-page response on the windshields of about 80 cars parked near his home and job.

Barker said he's been harassed by police, his neighbors now decline to talk to him, and someone threw eggs in his driveway.

"I have no desire for your children, wives, husbands, pets, or anything else that you have. All I want is a normal life without the community being scared for no reason," Barker wrote.

He said he cruised the malls to spite police officers who tail him. He also acknowledged stopping to help female motorists, but said he has done the same thing for men.

Barker declined to speak to reporters.

Barker was not convicted of a sex crime that would trigger community warnings under Megan's Law, but prosecutors distributed the fliers after clearing it with the state law enforcement officials.

"My only response is this: We have to balance his expectation of privacy against the public expectation to be informed," Middlesex County Prosecutor Glenn Berman said in defense of his office's public notices.

"There's really nothing to be gained by going tit-for-tat or by us dissecting his flier," Middlesex County Assistant Prosecutor Peter Hamerslag said Tuesday. "It doesn't enhance anyone's safety."

Next-door neighbor Alberto Acevedo said his family are terrified of Barker.

"The kids are too scared to sleep in their own rooms. They sleep in our room with us, on the floor," he said.

Barker pleaded guilty to assaulting a girl in Virginia in 1981, and was convicted of killing the 12-year-old in Charlottesville, Virginia, in

1982 while on probation. He has maintained his innocence in the latter case.

Barker had been convicted, when he was 25, of the second-degree murder of Katie Worsky, a 12-year-old from Charlottesville, Va., who disappeared in July 1982 and her body was never found.

Barker was sentenced to 18 years in prison for the slaying but was released in 1992 with time off for good behavior.

In 1996, the bodies of his former girlfriend, Cynthia Powers Johnson, 34, and her daughter Heather, 7, were found after their home in



Alberto Acevedo talks about his next door neighbor Glenn Haslam Barker in South River. The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office distributed "public safety" notices alerting residents that Barker, 43, an ex-convict who was convicted of murdering a 12-year-old girl, and kidnapping a 16-year-old girl, was living in their neighborhood. Last week, Barker circulated his own notices, claiming he has been harassed by police and telling neighbors they have nothing to fear from him.

Richmond, Va., was set on fire. Authorities there say he is the "primary suspect" in that case.

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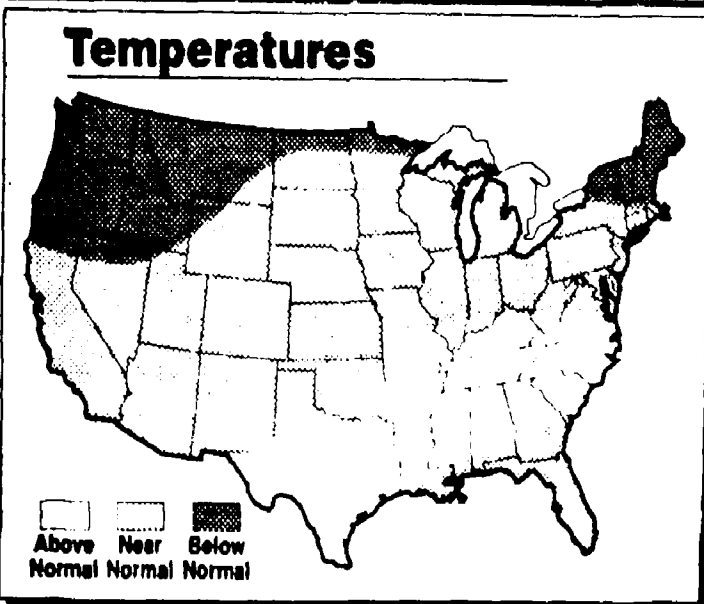
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
A few showers.	Cloudy; it may shower.	Clouds and sun.	Mostly sunny.	Plenty of sunshine.	Partly sunny.	Clouds and sun.	Times of clouds and sun.
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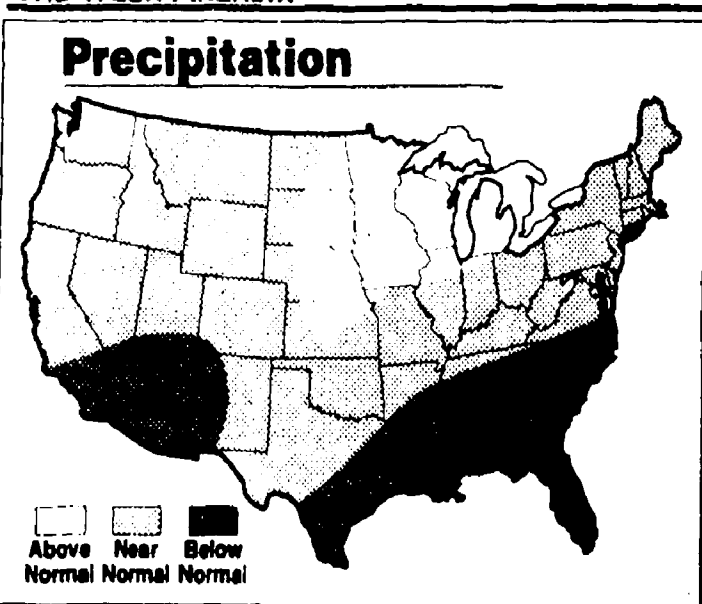
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Warm weather will dominate the central and southern Plains during the period. Temperatures across the regions may average 10 to 15 degrees above normal. High pressure will keep the southern Plains and lower Mississippi Valley dry. Cool air will cover the Northwest and Northeast. Storms will bring precipitation to the Northwest and Rocky Mountains.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	80	60	c	76	54	c	78	58	s	80	60	s
Boston	60	46	r	60	46	pc	62	48	s	63	47	s
Chicago	52	38	c	60	40	s	68	48	pc	68	52	f
Cleveland	60	40	t	54	40	pc	62	44	s	64	48	s
Denver	60	38	pc	72	42	s	72	42	pc	70	42	pc
Des Moines	50	36	pc	64	44	pc	65	51	s	70	58	pc
Detroit	56	40	c	58	42	c	64	45	pc	67	50	pc
Houston	88	72	pc	88	72	pc	81	64	c	82	67	c
Indianapolis	61	42	c	60	42	pc	65	47	s	68	51	pc
Kansas City	60	40	pc	72	44	s	76	52	s	76	60	pc
Los Angeles	67	55	pc	67	55	pc	74	51	c	75	40	pc
Miami	90	76	s	90	76	s	88	74	s	88	70	s
Minn.-St. Paul	52	34	pc	60	40	pc	64	42	sh	62	40	pc
New Orleans	88	73	c	82	64	pc	81	65	s	83	62	s
New York City	58	46	sh	62	48	pc	65	51	s	68	49	pc
Omaha	58	40	pc	68	46	s	72	50	t	70	58	pc
Phoenix	88	62	s	92	64	s	94	66	s	94	66	s
San Francisco	67	52	pc	66	51	pc	63	49	pc	63	38	pc
Seattle	67	45	pc	60	42	c	57	42	c	57	33	c
Washington	70	50	sh	64	50	c	69	52	s	71	48	s

SUN & MOON

Sunrise		Sunset	
Thu.	5:55 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	
Fri.	5:54 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	
Moonrise		Moonset	
Thu.	1:10 a.m.	10:24 a.m.	
Fri.	1:56 a.m.	11:24 a.m.	
Moon Phases			
Last	New	First	Full
May 4	May 12	May 19	May 26
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.			

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	59	41	pc	57	41	pc	61	43	s	62	51	c
Berlin	58	54	sh	57	47	c	62	48	c	63	45	pc
Buenos Aires	70	52	pc	70	52	pc	68	50	s	71	53	s
Cairo	87	57	s	83	56	pc	90	62	s	95	65	s
Jerusalem	74	47	s	72	48	s	70	47	s	75	52	s
Johannesburg	77	52	pc	76	54	pc	74	52	pc	78	51	pc
London	59	40	pc	58	43	pc	61	50	pc	63	49	c
Madrid	65	41	pc	70	45	pc	70	41	s	69	43	pc
Mexico City	82	55	pc	82	53	s	80	52	pc	82	52	s
Moscow	68	48	pc	70	53	pc	70	47	pc	66	46	pc
Paris	57	41	pc	51	47	sh	61	43	pc	63	48	pc
Rio de Janeiro	75	68	sh	77	66	r	75	63	c	72	62	c
Rome	71	58	c	62	50	r	66	49	s	64	53	c
San Juan	88	73	pc	87	73	s	86	73	pc	87	72	pc
Seoul	70	64	c	73	66	sh	72	64	r	70	63	r
Sydney	69	49	pc	69	49	pc	70	49	s	70	50	pc
Tokyo	69	59	pc	72	60	pc	74	61	s	78	65	pc
Toronto	41	30	c	44	33	sh	51	37	pc	60	45	pc
Winnipeg	38	16	c	46	33	c	68	46	pc	50	30	c
Zurich	52	47	sh	60	43	c	55	47	r	59	49	sh

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WOODBIDGE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

May 4 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.-Simpson United Methodist Church, Youth Group Fundraiser will hold a Flea Market in the parking lot of Simpson United Methodist Church, on Rte. 516 at the corner of Owens Rd., Old Bridge. For information on vendor space availability, call (732) 605-1370 or (732) 679-5361. Rain date: Saturday, May 11.

May 5 at 8 a.m.-The Marine Corps Lg. Avenel Detachment is running a bus ride to Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, N.Y., leaving from the VFW, 60 W. Park Avenue, Avenel. Call Bob at (732) 494-2093 for tickets and bus ride information.

May 6, 9 and 14-The North Edison Branch Library will be presenting various programs for children at the branch libraries. At Clara Barton Branch at 7 p.m. and North Edison Branch at 7 p.m., Blowing Big Bubbles; Main Library at 10:30 a.m. and North Edison Branch at 1:30 p.m., Butterfly Family Fun; and at the Clara Barton Branch at 1:30 p.m., Caterpillars and Polliwogs. Call (732) 287-2351, ext. 3 for further information on these programs.

May 7 from 2-3 p.m. - The Woodbridge Dept. of Health and Human Services are sponsored a free blood pressure screening at the Public Health Center, 2 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. Call (732) 855-0600, ext. 5011 for further information.

May 7 at 12 noon-The Perth Amboy Chamber of Commerce will be holding a Spring 2002 Luncheon at the Barge Restaurant, 201 Front St., Perth Amboy. The guest (Community Calendar continues on page...5)

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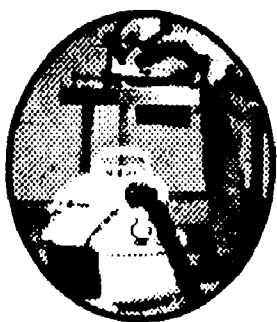
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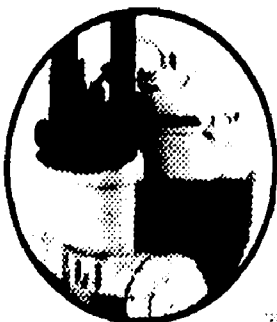
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May 7 at 7 p.m. -The Carteret Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit will be hosting "Neighborhood Watch Program" at the Carteret Municipal Court Room, 230 Roosevelt Avenue. Call Susan at (732) 541-4127 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for further information.

May 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 3 p.m. -The Woodbridge Department of Health and Human Services will be presenting a Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic at 2 George Frederick Plaza, Woodbridge. The cost is \$5. Call (732) 855-0600, ext 5011 for further information.

May 9 from 7-9 p.m. -The Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey-Middlesex/Union Counties will meet at 65 James Street, Edison. The guest speaker is from the Tourette Syndrome Program at Rutgers. For further information, call Debbie at (732) 283-1439 after 6 p.m.

May 11 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. -The First Presbyterian Church of South Amboy will be sponsoring their annual Spring Craft Show and Food Sale in the church basement. 150 Broadway, South Amboy.

May 11 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. -Holy Family School Home School Association will feature a Clothing Drive. The American Used Clothing Corporation will pay the H.S.A. ten cents a pound for used clothing. The used clothing will be shipped to Eastern European countries, primarily Poland. The Clothing Drive will be held in the Parish parking lot. For further information, call 541-2941, ext. 5 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sheriff Cleared Of Charges

MIDDLESEX COUNTY- Sheriff Joseph C. Spicuzzo has been cleared of charges that he discriminated against members of the police union.

The Fraternal Order of Police union within the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department had

made allegations that Spicuzzo engaged in anti-union conduct over a span of several years.

The alleged anti-union conduct included actions involving matters of transfers, access, training, attendance at meetings, discipline and use of break periods. A

hearing officer of the state Office of Administrative Law issued an initial decision on April 11 stating Spicuzzo did not discriminate against FOP president Steven Eckel or any sheriff's officer because of their membership in the union.

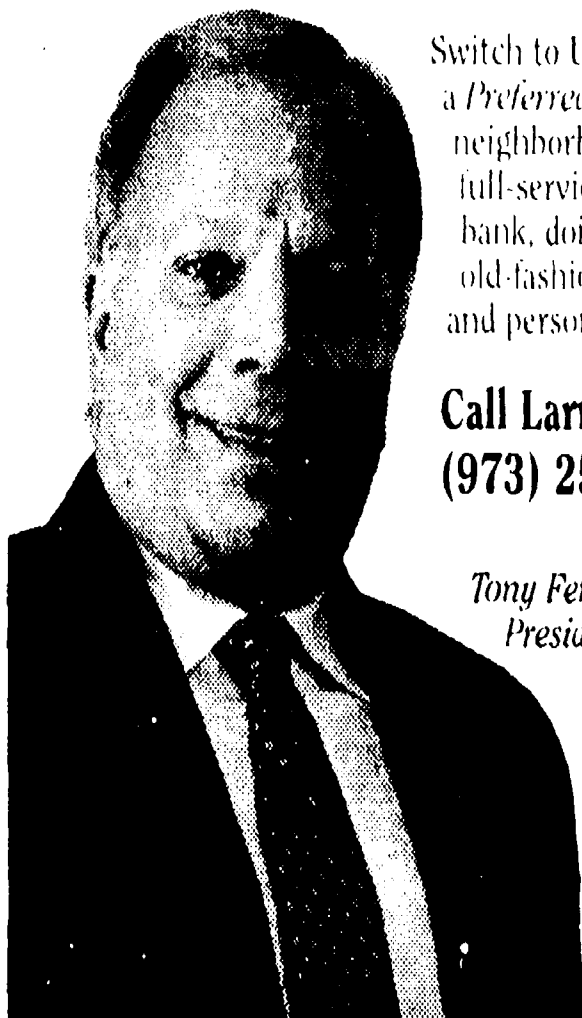
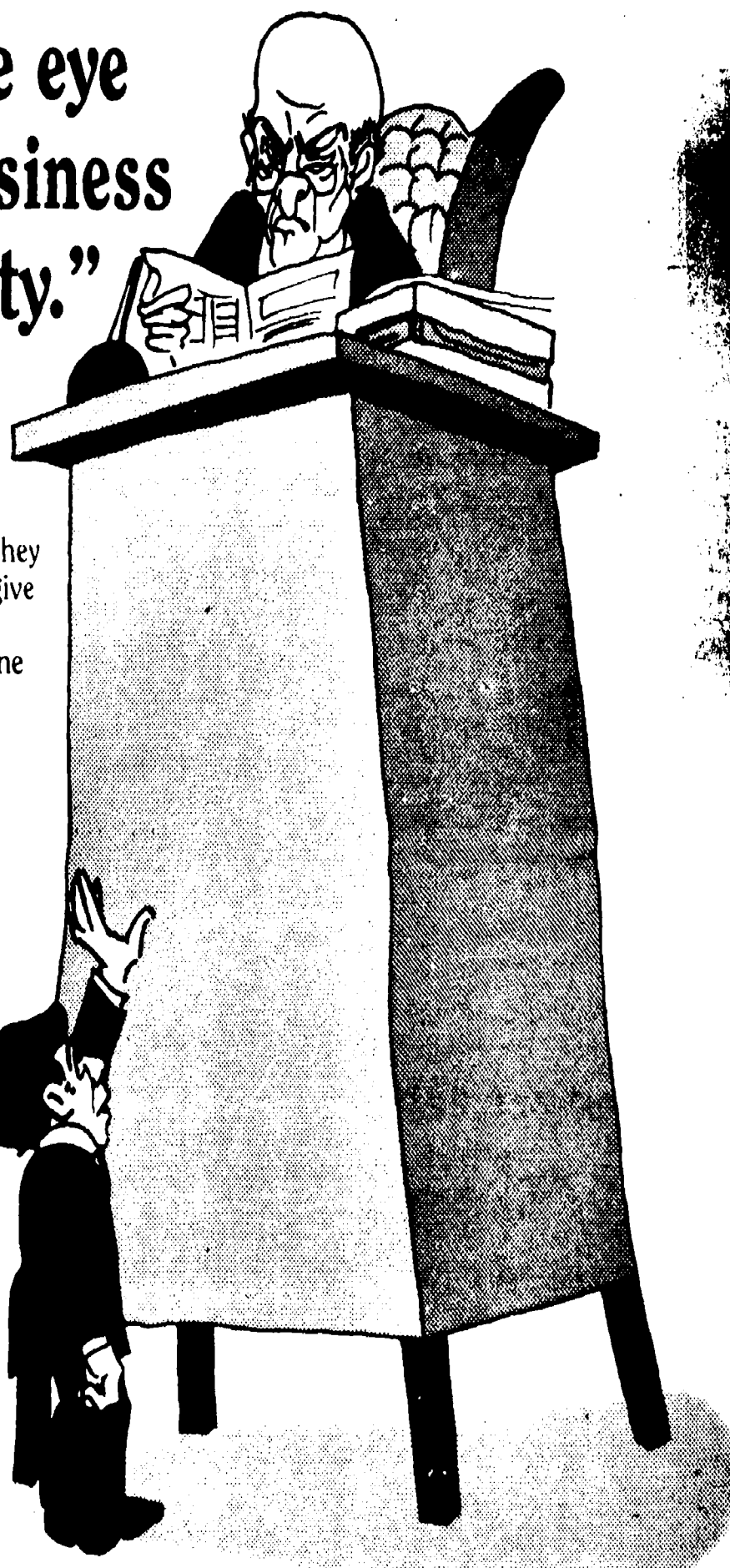
"I have always maintained that when these charges were fully aired, the facts would demonstrate that I have never discriminated against any officer because of their union affiliation," Spicuzzo said in a written statement.

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RECIPE PAGE / CINCO DE MAYO**Celebrate**

AREA—This May 5, American Dairy Association and Dairy Council Inc. is pleased to help you celebrate Cinco de Mayo with easy-to-make versions of Latino recipes, created by renowned Los Angeles Chef Toribio Prado.

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo has become increasingly popular in parts of the country that have a high population of people with a Mexican heritage, such as New York City. According to American Demographics, Latinos account for nearly 19 percent of the population in the Metro New York area, which is second only to Los Angeles in the rate of growth of that population.

Festivities on the fifth of May commemorate a single, historic victory for a small Mexican army over invading troops from France at the Battle

of Puebla in 1862. Cinco de Mayo is a symbol of Mexican unity and national pride and is celebrated with parades, mariachi bands, fiestas and food. Chef Prado says Latino traditionally cook more from scratch and use milk in an amazing range of dishes from soups to sauces to sumptuous desserts. "These traditional recipes, savored and protected for generations by my family in Mexico, typically take hours to make. Now they can be made in minutes," adds Prado.

Prado, chef de cuisine, is former head chef at The Ivy and founder of several well-loved Los Angeles restaurants, including Confete, a Latin-French fusion restaurant and Cha Cha Cha Cafe' Melrose, a popular Caribbean-style restaurant. Prado has been featured in gourmet magazines and cooking shows nationwide, including *Bon Appetit*, "Good Morning America" and "The Today Show."

For more great recipes, visit www.gotmilk.com.

Celebrate Freedom and Liberty with a CINCO de MAYO Feast!

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the defeat of a well-outfitted French army by a small, poorly armed Mexican army at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. The holiday is a celebration of freedom and liberty, cherished now by Americans more than ever. It's a perfect time to gather friends and family together to prepare and enjoy an especially delicious meal.

Washington apples are a signature of the American diet. Not only a healthy snack, apples also add inspiration to salads, main dishes and desserts. More than half of all the apples eaten fresh in this country are grown in orchards nestled in the eastern foothills of the picturesque Cascade Mountains. Although Red and Golden Delicious, Granny Smith, Braeburn, Jonagold and Gala are in great demand, it's the new varieties, notably Pink Lady with its crisp flesh and tangy-tart flavor, Fuji, a super-sweet apple, and sweet-tangy Cameo that are creating a lot of

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Pecan and Pepper Chicken Burritos

Prep Time: 15 Minutes

Cook Time: 35 Minutes

Serves 8



1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
1/2 teaspoon salt, divided
1 pound thin-sliced boneless, skinless chicken breast
2 tablespoons olive oil, divided
3 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 cup Georgia pecan halves, coarsely chopped
2 bell peppers (orange, green or red), seeded and sliced
1 large red onion, sliced in thin wedges
Black pepper
8 flour tortillas (8-inch, soft-taco size)
Salsa

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1. Stir together chili powder, cumin, oregano and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Sprinkle spice mixture evenly over all sides of chicken; place chicken in a plastic bag. Shake lightly and rub the plastic against the chicken to rub in spices.

2. Heat 1 tablespoon oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Sauté the chicken pieces in batches, turning once, until chicken is cooked through. Transfer to a cutting board and allow to cool slightly.

3. Heat remaining tablespoon oil in same skillet over low heat. Add the garlic and pecans; cook until garlic is softened and pecans are fragrant - about 5 minutes. Transfer

to large bowl.

4. Add peppers and onion to skillet and increase heat to medium-high. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tender-crisp. Season with 1/4 teaspoon salt and the pepper; stir into pecan and garlic mixture. Slice the chicken crosswise into thin strips and add to vegetables.

5. To serve, warm the tortillas. Divide chicken, pecan and vegetable mixture among tortillas, placing the mixture in the center. Fold up bottom of tortillas to partially cover filling, then fold in sides to create a pocket. Serve with salsa.

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Cinco de Mayo Recipes

Chocolate Caramel Pecan Squares

Prep Time: 25 Minutes
Bake Time: 40 Minutes
Serves 10 to 12

1 package (18 1/4 ounces) devil's food cake mix
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
2 large eggs, divided
1/2 cup plus 1 tablespoon water
2 packages (3 ounces) cream cheese, softened
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 container (18 ounces) Marzetti's Caramel Apple Dip
1 1/2 cups Georgia pecans, chopped
1 cup (6 ounces) semi-sweet chocolate chips
1/3 cup light brown sugar

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Grease a 13- by 9-inch baking pan. In large mixer bowl, beat cake mix and butter on low until well blended and crumbly. Press half the mixture evenly onto bottom of pan. Bake 10 minutes or until firm; set aside, maintaining oven temperature.



2. Add 1 egg and water to remaining cake mix; beat on low until mixed, then beat on high 1 to 2 minutes to blend any lumps. Set aside.

3. In a medium mixing bowl, beat cream cheese and vanilla until fluffy. Add the remaining egg, scrape down the sides of the bowl; beat well. Warm the caramel dip according to package directions and add to cream cheese mixture;

beat on high to blend. Pour mixture evenly over baked crust.

4. Place spoonfuls of remaining chocolate batter randomly on top of caramel layer and gently spread until smooth and even. Combine the pecans, chocolate chips and brown sugar and sprinkle on top. Bake 30 minutes or until set. Cool completely before cutting.

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Baked Rice With Chorizo and Apple

Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Cook Time: 30 Minutes
Serves 6

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
1 medium onion, finely chopped
4 ounces chorizo sausage, finely chopped
1 1/2 cups long-grain white rice
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon turmeric
2 1/2 cups hot water
2 Washington Pink Lady apples, cored and finely chopped
1 1/2 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese



1. In 9- or 10-inch oven-proof skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add the onion and sausage and cook 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Stir in the rice, salt and turmeric; cook 2 minutes. Stir in the water, cover and cook 10 minutes.

2. Meanwhile, heat oven to 350°F. Stir apple into rice mixture, sprinkle cheese on top and bake, covered, 5 minutes. Uncover and bake 8 to 10 minutes longer or until rice is cooked and cheese is lightly browned.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**Emotional Stress Linked To Asthma In Children**

AREA - Chronically stressed children are far more likely to have asthma attacks than less-stressed children, experts have found. Researchers followed a group of 90 asthma child patients in Glasgow, Scotland aged between six and 13-years-old for 18 months, noting when they had attacks, and finding out about the stressful events in their lives.

The study, carried out by the University of Helsinki in Finland, was published in the *Lancet Medical Journal* and also found that even the children of excessively anxious parents have been found to be more likely to develop asthma.

More than 5 million children in America suffer from asthma, the most prevalent chronic condition in children. The estimated annual cost of treating asthma in children under 18 years of age is \$3.2 billion.

Asthma attacks can be very frightening for children. "It's the scariest thing, not being able to breathe," said Kaye Conley, who suffered severe asthma

attacks as a child. She was covered in eczema and an acute asthmatic from the age of three. "It's terrifying when you can't breathe," said Kaye. "You know once you stop breathing, you're gone."

It has long been suspected that kids with asthma may be exposed to more things in their environment that set off their asthma than they are aware of. It could be emotional stress or just something in the environment that triggers an old memory of a painful incident.

Some organs of the body - the skin, lungs and stomach, heart, glands and intestines, are especially sensitive to changes in the emotions. You've probably experienced your heart beating fast when you got anxious. Emotional upsets or memories of painful incidents can affect these organs and create physical symptoms.

In the best-selling book *Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health* L. Ron Hubbard explains what psychosomatic ailments are and how they come

about. "Psycho refers to the mind and somatic refers to the body," says Hubbard in *Dianetics*. "Psychosomatic means the mind is making the body ill."

"My parents were constantly looking for something that would alleviate my asthma attacks," said Kaye. "We tried every possible treatment known with no result." The doctors assigned the attacks to stress caused by her schoolwork so although she was a good student, Kaye left school at 15.

Her mother was convinced that there had to be an underlying cause to the condition. She felt strongly that if a child had a good home, was loved and well

cared for, she should not have constant health problems - as Kaye did.

When Kaye was 19 her mother was introduced to *Dianetics* and felt she had finally found the answer. "The mechanism by which the mind is able to cause a physical disability, predispose the body to an illness or perpetuate sickness, is a simple thing," says Hubbard. Kaye's mother arranged for her to have some *Dianetics* counseling right away.

"It was amazing experience," said Kaye. "I went back into my past and we found the incident that was causing the asthma and the eczema. I experienced all

those emotions of terror - the feeling of being slowly closed in, not being able to breathe and knowing I was going to die. We worked through the incident and it all went away - for good!"

"I wish I could have had *Dianetics* when I was much younger," says Kaye. "Once I had that counseling session it was all gone."

It was a tremendous relief to Kaye to be able to live a normal life and not have that fear in the back of her mind all the time. For months, she still carried her inhaler, "just in case" the attacks would start again.

They never did.

Poison Center Cautions Consumers

AREA - Many medications can interact with alcohol, leading to increased risk of illness, injury or even death. With the cold and flu season upon us, consumers should be aware that the use of alcohol may effect their body, as well as interact with their medication.

Alcohol is a drug that when taken affects several organs of the body such as the brain, liver, and stomach. It can decrease reaction time and increase sedation. Furthermore, when taken along with prescription and or non-prescription medications, the potential for serious problems arises.

Alcohol enhances the drowsiness associated with antihistamines found in cough and cold medications, these effects including excessive dizziness and sedation, may become more pronounced in older persons. It also can increase the sedative effects of medications used for depression and anxiety. These types of interactions may impair the ability of people to perform work that requires alertness or the ability to drive and maintain good reflexes.

Taking non-prescription pain relievers and consuming alcohol can cause mild to severe stomach upset. When

alcohol is taken with some antibiotics, interaction may occur producing severe stomach upset, flushing, increased heartbeat and breathing or the effectiveness of the medication may be reduced.

Over the counter and prescription drugs can impair driving performance. Combining alcohol with these medications can increase your risk for traffic accidents. Be aware check with your pharmacist or health care provider prior to consuming alcohol while taking over the counter or prescription medication. NJPIES encourages consumers to exercise caution when drinking alcohol especially in combination with other medications.

For more information about the use of alcohol in combination with a particular medication, ask your doctor, pharmacist or call the NJ Poison Control Center hotline at 1-800-222-1222. If you suspect a poisoning call the poison control center for immediate treatment advice, as well as for prevention information. Call 1-800-222-1222: trained medical professionals will provide you with the most up-to-date emergency treatment advice, and will answer any drug or poison information question you may have.

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YOUR HEALTH NEWS**Give Your Mother A Mammogram For Mother's Day**

STATE — Nationally, since 1985, mammography rates have more than doubled for women aged 50 or older (from 25 percent in 1987 to 67 percent in 1997) and breast cancer deaths have declined by 1.8 percent each year since 1992. In New Jersey, approximately 6,500 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and about 1,400 are expected to die of the disease,

according to the American Cancer Society.

In spite of this progress, there are still women who do not take advantage of early detection at all and others who do not get screening mammograms and clinical breast exams at regular intervals. A recent study found that breast cancer deaths were reduced by 63 percent among women aged 40-69 who took advantage of

screening mammography. Important facts to consider:

- In New Jersey, approximately 50% of women with Medicare who are eligible to receive a mammogram do not take advantage of this Medicare-covered service.
- Over 75 percent of breast cancers are found in women aged 50 or older.
- Mammography detects about 90 percent of breast can-

cers in women with no symptoms.

Mother's Day is May 12th. Be on the safe side and encourage your mother to get annual mammograms. Better yet, volunteer to go with her or drive her to the testing site. For more information about certified mammography facilities in your area, call the Peer Review Organization of New Jersey's Toll-Free Health Hotline, 1-

866-269-4325, have paper and pen ready.

For more information on breast cancer call one of the following: American Cancer Society, (800) 227-2345, The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, (800) 462-9273, National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations (NABCO), (888) 80-NABCO, National Cancer Institute (NCI), (800) 4-CANCER.

Pre-Summer Safety Series At The Bayshore

AREA—With warmer weather here, everyone has emerged into the great outdoors! Whether you are a weekend warrior, have children or older adults in your care, or have outdoor day trips and gatherings planned—having fun should always be done with safety measures in tow. Even then, accidents can still occur. Now is a great time to brush up on your First-Aid and Life Support

skills.

Check out the Pre-Summer Safety series below. Don't be left out in the cold when summer arrives. Play safely! Have fun! But most of all—know what to do when an emergency occurs!

May 9—First-Aid: Do You Know What To Do In An Emergency?

Presented by L. Scott Larsen, MD, Emergency Medicine, this

lecture will be held at 7 p.m. at the Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center. Call (732) 888-5267 for information and to register.

June 6—Fifteen Summer Safety Tips

Presented by L. Scott Larsen, MD, Emergency Medicine, this lecture will be held at 7 p.m. at Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center. Call (732) 888-5267 for information and to register.

Family and Friends Day-time CPR Series

Held at Bayshore Fitness Center. Call (732) 888-5249 to register. (*Please note that these special courses are non-certifying courses). CPR*—July 10, Special fee \$20; Pediatric CPR*—May 8, Special fee \$20; and First-Aid*—June 12, Special fee \$20.

Heartsaver CPR & Life Support at Bayshore Community Hospital

Held at Bayshore Com-

munity Hospital in the conference rooms, call (732) 888-5249 to register. CPR—June 17, Fee \$35; Pediatric CPR—May 15, June 24, Fee \$40; First-Aid—May 14, Fee \$40; and AED—May 21, Fee \$75.

For more information on free lectures and screenings, support groups and life support courses at Bayshore Community Hospital and Bayshore Fitness and Wellness Center, go to www.bchs.com.

Blood Center Announces Community Blood Drives

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

The Blood Center of New Jersey is an independent, non-profit organization supplying blood and blood components to hospitals in northern and central New Jersey. All blood is collected, tested, processed and distributed in New Jersey.

Donors must be 18 years of

age. Seventeen-year-olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors provided they meet health requirements. Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed or picture form of identification. People with a fever or sore throat should wait until they are

feeling better before donating, and there is a 24-hour deferral for teeth cleanings and fillings. For those who have traveled outside of the United States recently, call the blood center at 973-676-4933, ext. 132 for eligibility criteria. For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, call the blood center at 1-

800 652-5663, extension 140.

Following are Blood Drives being held in Middlesex County:

- Saturday, May 4, at the Masonic Raritan Americus Lodge, 262 & 264 State St., Perth Amboy, 9 am - 2 pm
- Wednesday, May 8, at the Knights of Columbus, 130 Main Street, Woodbridge, 5 pm - 9 pm.

CORRECTION

In the Dennis Maas Guest Column of last week's edition, "Military Veterans Can Receive Free Or Low-Cost Prescription Drugs," the cost of a prescription filled by the VA was incorrect. As of February, the VA charges \$7 for a 30-day supply.

Help For Those Still Suffering

AREA—Support is available for those who know the problem of addiction in a relative or friend. Join us on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. for the Nar-Anon Serenity

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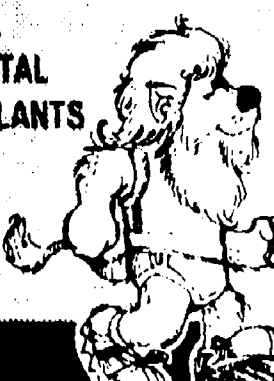
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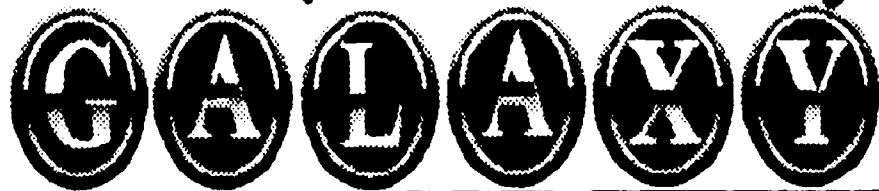
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YOUR AREA & STATE NEWS**Governor's Hispanic Advisory Council For Policy Development**

NEW BRUNSWICK In an effort to better address the needs and concerns of the growing Hispanic population in New Jersey, Governor James E. McGreevey signed an Executive Order creating the Governor's Hispanic Advisory Council for Policy Development.

Joined by Sila M. Calderon, the Governor of Puerto Rico and Ida Castro, Personnel Commissioner, McGreevey announced that he is charging the Council with advising him on substantive policy issues that affects the Hispanic community in New Jersey, including, but not limited to, the areas of health, education, urban revitalization and employment. There are currently more than 1.1 million Hispanics living in New Jersey representing over 13 percent of the State's total population.

"Today, I am charging the Governor's Hispanic Advisory Council for Policy Development with advising me on the specific policy needs that exist within the Hispanic community," said McGreevey. "I am honored that Governor Calderon, a leader who has demonstrated her commitment to empowering Latinos, was able to join me for this announcement."

"I am delighted to be here today, with my friend Governor McGreevey," said Governor Calderon. "As Governor of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, I am pleased to continue collaborating with him in helping the people of New Jersey and the people of Puerto Rico build a better future."

Working together I know we will empower our citizens and develop better health and education services, more job opportu-

nities, and more livable communities. I offer Governor McGreevey all of our assistance as he implements policies to help our people. He has my wholehearted support in launching the Governor's Hispanic Advisory Council on Policy Development."

The Council, which will have up to 20 members, will include the Latino members of the Governor's Cabinet, sub-Cabinet, and/or their designees from the Department of Personnel, Community Affairs, Human Services, Health and Senior Services, Education, Labor, Division of State Police, Corrections and State. Commissioner Castro will serve as Chair of the Council.

In addition, the Governor will appoint up to seven public members to the Council from various Hispanic organizations, such as

non-profits, community and religious groups.

"The people who will serve on this Council will bring a wealth of knowledge and years of leadership and experiences as they evaluate and analyze the policies that most directly affect the Hispanic community," said McGreevey.

Within 90 days of its first meeting, the Council will be responsible for developing a working plan that will outline the major policy concerns it has identified.

Thereafter, the Council will meet at least quarterly and will report to the Governor within 45 days after each meeting on the state of its progress, as well report any specific policy recommendations or suggestions for his consideration.

Currently, there is an Advisory Commission on

Hispanic Affairs, which was established by statute in 1983. This Commission consists of ten members who are jointly appointed by the Legislature and the Governor.

The Commission is charged with advising both the Governor and the Legislature on the needs, concerns, accomplishments and contributions of the Hispanic Community, as well as assessing the impact of legislation on the Hispanic community. However, the Commission has been inactive for over two years.

In contrast, the Governor's Hispanic Advisory Council for Policy Development consists of no more than 20 members appointed solely by the Governor who will advise him on substantive policy matters affecting the Hispanic community.

McGreevey Signs Legislation To Strengthen State's Bioterrorism Response

STATE-Governor James E. McGreevey has signed legislation appropriating \$27.2 mil-

lion in federal funds to strengthen the state's public health care infrastructure and

improve hospital preparedness to respond to acts of bioterrorism and other health emergencies.

"The funds, which include \$23.7 million from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and \$3.5 million from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), are being made available to the state through cooperative agreements with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS)," McGreevey said.

The Governor said federal authorities are reviewing the agreements' proposed work plans, timelines and budgets

and, if acceptable, full funding will be made available on or about May 15.

The bill, A-1955/S-34 (Sarlo, Watson Coleman, Quigley, Littell, Buono), enables the DHSS to accept the funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the State's Fiscal Year 2002. Of the \$27.2 million in anticipated funding, \$5.4 million has already been made available to the state.

McGreevey signed the legislation in Princeton at Critical Infrastructures: Working Together in a New World "Lessons Learned in Action", a security conference that the

state is co-sponsoring this week.

The panel, comprised of top New Jersey health care experts, is developing the state's health-related terrorism preparedness plan.

"New Jersey is far better prepared today than last year," said Health and Senior Services Commissioner Clifton R. Lacy, M.D. "The federal and state funds will make New Jersey safer and better able to respond to acts of terrorism in an agile, rapid and coordinated fashion."

New Jersey's proposed cooperative agreement with the CDC calls for enhancements in six focus areas: preparedness planning and readiness assessment, surveillance and epidemiology, laboratory capacity for handling biological agents, the state's Health Alert Network and information technology, communicating health risks and disseminating health information, and education and training.

The cooperative agreements also direct the state to create an advisory committee to provide ongoing input on state and local plans and activities. The committee will be comprised of representatives of state and local health care organizations and agencies as well as members of MEDPREP.



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YOUR FINANCIAL NEWS

Guest Column

By Stephanie Hamill

Times of economic downturn can also mean times of economic despair - you wonder where the choices are you once had, and, if you've been laid off, what you are going to do now. More and more people are turning to higher education to answer those questions and provide the options they once felt didn't exist.

Gary Ellerman, Interim Dean of the College of Graduate and Extended Education at Radford University (www.radford.edu), a comprehensive university in Southwest Virginia, says that statistics show that enrollment, particularly in graduate programs increases during economic downturns and that recent changes in post-secondary education have made school more marketable to those with special circumstances, such as working full time while earning their degree.

Economic downturn or not, data does show that enrollment in general is increasing rapidly. Data collected by the National Center for Education Statistics shows that the number of people 25 years or older earning college degrees increased nearly four-fold in the past 30 years, from 12 million in 1970 to more than 44 million in 1998. And almost half of the pre-baccalaureate students and an estimated 60

percent of the graduate degree candidates attend school part-time.

Statistics also show that securing a job that pays middle class wages and jobs with the fastest job growth require higher education. The Department of Labor reports that of the new jobs being created by the year 2006, managerial, professional and technical occupations will be among the fastest growing job categories, accounting for 29 percent of new job openings.

Ellerman says that colleges and universities are beneficial in times of economic uncertainty not only because of the resources available but because of their increasing flexibility, as well. "Within the context of a community college or four-year institution you have to look at the brainpower available there," he says. "Two-and four-year institutions can draw upon that for both credit and non-credit programs, short courses, workshops, conferences, and more. Many times these institutions are also in a position to quickly step in to install these programs if, for example, a local school system experiences budget cuts and loses their programs."

Ellerman offers the following advice to those who are contemplating going back to school to either further their career or change vocations altogether to

Opportunity In Times Of Despair: Higher Education's Role In Economic Downturns

gain a more secure and fulfilling job:

- **Don't just enroll without researching first.** Anyone considering furthering their education should look at the upcoming trends in terms of what industries are or will be experiencing a worker shortage or notable growth. For example, the National Center for Education Statistics is currently forecasting that between now and 2006 America will need approximately 190,000 new teachers and 6,000 more schools due to increasing enrollment in K-12 schools. Other occupations that are also anticipating workers shortages are information technology and healthcare. Statistics can be found on a number of sites online including the Department of Labor (www.dol.gov) and the

Department of Commerce (home.doc.gov).

- **When looking into a degree program, enroll in one that has value added to it.** For example, says Ellerman, if someone is looking into an undergraduate degree, make sure the program will give them job entry skills as well as opportunity for further study, such as a master's degree or additional certification. Also, course choices within a degree can give a student something to build upon, such as concentrating on technical writing within an English degree.

- **When considering a degree program, think about what you want to do 10 years down the road, not just now.** Going back to school is a big time investment and it helps to have a big picture to keep you

motivated to reach your goal. What will be most important to your future employer is not only the coursework you took, but the fact that you took the time and dedicated yourself to earning your degree.

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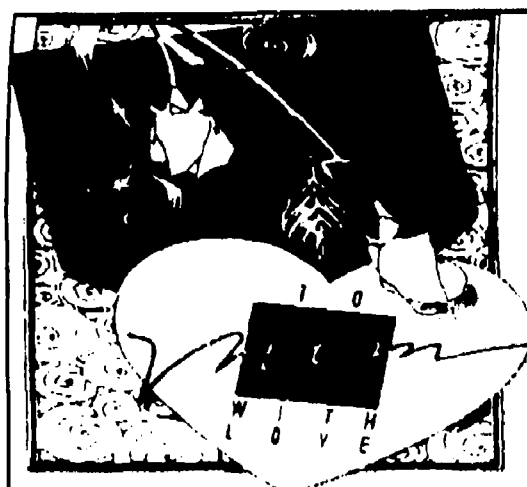
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**ASSEMBLYMAN
JOHN WISNIEWSKI'S
Report
From
Trenton**

Teachers...at their best they can change a student's life. We've all had one, two or more teachers who have made a real difference in your life. Whether it's bringing the words of Shakespeare to life, making sense of the magic of geometry or bringing the works of the great artists into our classroom. Good teachers inspire us, push us to heights we thought were unattainable and foster in us a lifelong love of learning.

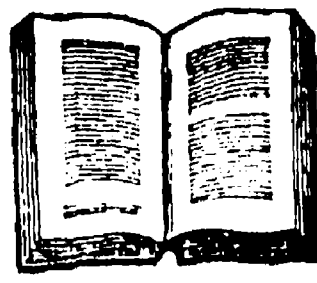
This year May 7 is National Teacher Day and May 5-11 is designated as Teacher Appreciation Week by the National PTA. The celebration, which dates back to 1944, is a time to honor and recognize the special role teachers play in our society. It's also a time to strengthen support for teaching as a profession and to say thank you to the teachers in our community.

The origins of National Teachers Day is a bit unclear. It is known that as early as 1944, an Arkansas teacher, Mrs. Mattye Whyte Woodbridge, began lobbying state and national political and education leaders about the need for a national day to honor teachers. One of the leaders who was contacted was first lady Eleanor Roosevelt. Mrs. Roosevelt, always a champion of education, rallied to the cause and after years of work persuaded the 81st Congress to proclaim a National Teacher Day in 1953. In 1984, the National Education

Association joined forces with the National PTA and established the first week of May as National Teacher Appreciation Week.

This year's theme is "Thank you, Teachers? You bring out the BEST in America's Students." As parents and students, how do we say thank you? The possibilities are endless. Take time to write a personal note saying thank you for the time and effort they have given throughout the year. If you are so inclined, a small gift certificate from the class to a local book or stationary store. While material gifts are nice, what teachers say they want most is parental involvement. Help out in the school or classroom during the week or chaperone for the next field trip. Your involvement not only helps the teachers, but it also benefits your children and you as well. If your schedule does not permit you to volunteer in the classroom, volunteer at home. By working with your children and reinforcing what's being taught in the classroom, you not only enrich your child's learning but you make the teacher's job in the classroom that much easier. Let teachers know you want to be involved. That is the best gift you can give a teacher.

So this week take time out your busy schedule and say thank you to a teacher. As the noted physiologist Carl Jung said, "One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."



By The Book

by Peter Book

Vas' Real Goal?

In his zeal to improve the City and its quality of life, what is Mayor Joseph Vas' real goal? Is it to make this city a mini metropolis with an eventual population of 80,000 to 100,000? For generations the population hovered around the 40,000 mark. In the last census in 2000 it shot up to 47,000! And who knows how many hundreds or thousands were not counted for various reasons of their own. Yet, they all enjoy the city's services and amenities. How many voted in the past unopposed local elections? The strain on the city's resources, hospitality and environmental impact is obvious.

The state of New Jersey has a greater density of population per square mile than China or India. This state, the size of Israel, with its 7,000 plus square miles has a population of over 8 million. And they seem to be concentrated in Central and Northern New Jersey. The City of Perth Amboy far exceeds that density!

And what makes this situation more irksome and troublesome is the huge increase of motor vehicles in recent years. Traffic conditions have never been worse! Just driving anywhere in town is a nightmare and a nerve racking ordeal. Drivers are more rude and more reckless than ever. They think nothing of parking in the middle of the road just to hold conversations. Courtesies of the road are blatantly ignored.

Pedestrians, especially kids, dart in and out of traffic. And traffic accidents seem to happen more frequently. Just recently there were two accidents on my corner in two days!

The parking problem is terrible! Cars are parked in driveways, sidewalks and prohibited zones. Every morning on my walks, I note about two dozen cars parked within 50 feet of stop signs. And that's only along Johnstone Street! There are, no doubt, hundreds of these violations as I write this. What a financial bonanza this would be for the city if it ever cracked down on these violators.

The campaign for an improved quality of life seeks to obliterate or to denigrate cultural patterns and various revered objects and landmarks. Sciortino's Famous Restaurant to give way to a parking lot? Good Heavens! The ignominy of it all! Mayor Vas seeks to do what Donald Trump tried to do in Atlantic City. And failed! The Great Donald tried to remove an Italian restaurant and a little old lady's home to make room for his limousines in transporting his mistresses. I noticed those buildings were still standing recently as last month on my monthly trip to Atlantic City with Mary Vernacchio's merry group of senior high rollers from the VFW in Hopelawn. Why can't Mayor Vas build his complex around Sciortino's as Trump did and others in similar situations.

All that remains of the Rose Galvin School on Convery Blvd. is a small tablet at the entrance to Walgreen's with the name of Mayor Joseph Vas the same size as hers. Oh! The cheek of the man! Neighborhood schools are gone. Every week day big yellow school buses tie up and clutter the streets.

What ever happened to Lockwood MacWilliam Stadium? It still rankles at what Hizzoner tried to do to Rudyk Park. Or removing the memorial to Albert Muska, who gave his life for this country in 1943 in North Africa? This monument stood for years at the entrance of the Garfield Fire House at Hall and Amboy Avenues. This in turn is being replaced by a bank, thus depriving the residents of that area of town of a fast response to fire alarms.

Before we suffocate on all of these "improvements" in the quality of life perhaps we had better send Hizzoner to that Foggy bottom in Washington, D.C. He would be at home with all those other "honorable," not to mention the hot air artists, the phonies, connemen and other assorted rogues and rascals who represent us.

When the Chaplain starts the proceedings with a benediction, he takes a good look at the Congressmen and then he prays for the country. There they tend to cancel each other out. The country moves forward in spite of them. Yet they claim all the credit. Who was it that said, "Democracy is the worst form of government until you consider the alternatives."

Readers Commentary



Thanks For Your Support

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank the residents of Sayreville for supporting me in the recent school board election. In particular, I would like to thank my family for the support they have shown over the past six years.

I would also like to thank everyone who took the time to examine the school budget and who went out to vote. The 400-vote margin is encouraging that our residents want to support our children and main-

tain a strong educational system in Sayreville.

As a member of the Sayreville Board of Education, I will continue to work with the community, local and state government officials in seeking a way to end the over reliance on property taxes to fund public education.

Arthur J. Rittenhouse, Jr.
Member
Sayreville Board
of Education

More Than Just Pizza

Dear Editor,

I am a Sciortino. I am proud to be part of such a loving, close knit and successful family. Our family establishment is in great jeopardy today as the city officials threaten to build a parking lot on our family site. We have a slim chance of winning this battle because eminent domain will rule. But we and our "extended" family, friends and loyal patrons will not go quietly. And thanks to our parents and grandparents, a deep faith and stubborn willpower still springs eternal hope that this demolition will not happen.

One commentator stated this affair to be all emotion-- not fac-

tual, not logistic, and not strategic. That's true, this is more than just a great pizza story. It is a story about an immigrant family who struggled to come to America and make their dreams come true. And they did through hard work, long hours and many sacrifices by each of the parents and many children, all of who worked the businesses. It was required, no questions asked, no arguments uttered. Each of us learned some very valuable lessons of life through these relationships and experiences-respect for one another regardless of race, color, creed; giving from the heart to those in need or less fortunate than we were with no questions asked; an open invitation to all

who visited to be part of the family festivities, meals and card games; and, a passion to work, to build and to enjoy life fully.

We may not win the battle to maintain our family establishment on New Brunswick Avenue where it began, grew, and changed with the generations. The city officials can tear down a building but they cannot tear down our history. We will be challenged to relocate the pizzeria and keep our customers happy. But our greater challenge will be to keep our family together and its spirit alive. This IS in our hands and hearts to control, not the city council.

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YOUR LOCAL NEWS

JFK Medical Center Appoints New Officers

EDISON—January 2002 marked the new term of office for the newly appointed officers for the medical/dental staff at JFK Medical Center, an affiliate of Solaris Health System.

Nosratollah Hooshangi, M.D., a neurosurgeon, has been appointed as the new president for the medical/dental staff. He is the director of neurosurgery at JFK Medical Center. Dr. Hooshangi is also an active staff neurosurgeon at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center, Raritan Bay Medical Center, Raritan Valley Hospital, Rahway Hospital and South Amboy Memorial Hospital and is board certified by The American Board of Neurological Surgery. Dr. Hooshangi resides in Colonia with his wife and children.

Matthew H. Smith, M.D., F.C.C.P., an internist, has been appointed as the new vice president for the medical/dental staff. He is attending physician at JFK Medical Center. Dr. Smith is a current member of the medical executive committee and the chairman of the internal medicine quality improvement committee for JFK Medical Center. Dr. Smith resides in Scotch Plains with his wife and two children.

Franklin Spirn, M.D., an ophthalmologist, has been appointed as the new secretary/treasurer for the medical/dental staff. Dr. Spirn is the current assistant director of ophthalmology at JFK Medical Center. He is also a member of the hospital executive committee at JFK Medical Center and a founding partner of Spirn and Inverno, a seven member

Ophthalmology group. Dr. Spirn resides in Clark with his wife and three children.



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Metuchen's Own Selected For Kraft Circle

METUCHEN Kraft Foods recognizes that connecting with consumers is a fundamental ingredient in knowing what is on America's plates. So, Kraft recently sponsored the Search for the Kraft Connections Circle contest, asking consumers across the country to write an essay on how they make lifelong memories during mealtime.

Metuchen's Linda Corcoran was chosen from nearly 2,000 entries as one of 10 grand prizewinners and asked to participate in and become a member of the "Kraft Connections Circle." As a Circle member, she visited the Kraft Kitchens in Glenview, Ill. and participated in a mealtime idea-exchange.

Corcoran, a 33-year-old university corporate relations director, was chosen after submitting her most memorable and intimidating mealtime experience -- dinner with her husband's large family for the first time.

Coming from a small family, Corcoran grew up accustomed to small, quiet meals. So she was caught off guard by the high-decibel level as her in-laws laughed, talked and shared the meal together. Corcoran admits that after eight years of marriage, she's learned to cook for "the masses" and knows how to get a word in edgewise.

As her first official duty as a member of the Kraft Connections Circle, Corcoran and the other "champions of mealtime memories" visited the Kraft Kitchens in Glenview, Ill. in late February to participate in a mealtime idea exchange.

Circle members provided insights and real-life experiences with Kraft employees, while Kraft shared a few "secrets" behind the Kraft Kitchens. For example, the Kitchens are designed to duplicate typical American kitchens as opposed to being elaborate restaurant-type kitchens. The Kitchens feature equipment and appliances that people have in their own kitchens which allows Kraft to most accurately test products and recipes to learn how they would perform in every household before offering them to consumers.

"It was fascinating to learn that Kraft products really are developed with people like me in mind," says Corcoran. "Spending the day at Kraft and being able to share my thoughts made it clear to me that Kraft really cares about and learns from its consumers."

The 10 members of the Kraft Connections Circle consist of a diverse group of men and women, including a third-grade teacher, full-time mom/college student, Internet consultant, two retired grandmothers, triathlete, small business owner and both working and stay-at-home parents.

During the course of the



Linda Corcoran

year, the Kraft Connections Circle members will participate in additional mealtime exchanges and product testing.

Information from these sessions will be made available on www.kraftfoods.com to be shared with others looking to create mealtime memories with their families.

In addition to becoming a Kraft Connections Circle member and the trip to the Kraft Kitchens, each winner received a Palm VIIc personal handheld device with Internet capabilities to help manage their busy lives (or cash equivalent), a giant gift basket of Kraft products for their entire families to enjoy and a cash prize.

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YOUR SCHOOL NEWS**Middlesex County College Inducts Students Into International Honor Society**

EDISON The Upsilon Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges, recently inducted 87 new members at Middlesex County College. The students were recognized for their academic achievement, leadership abilities and service to their community and their college.

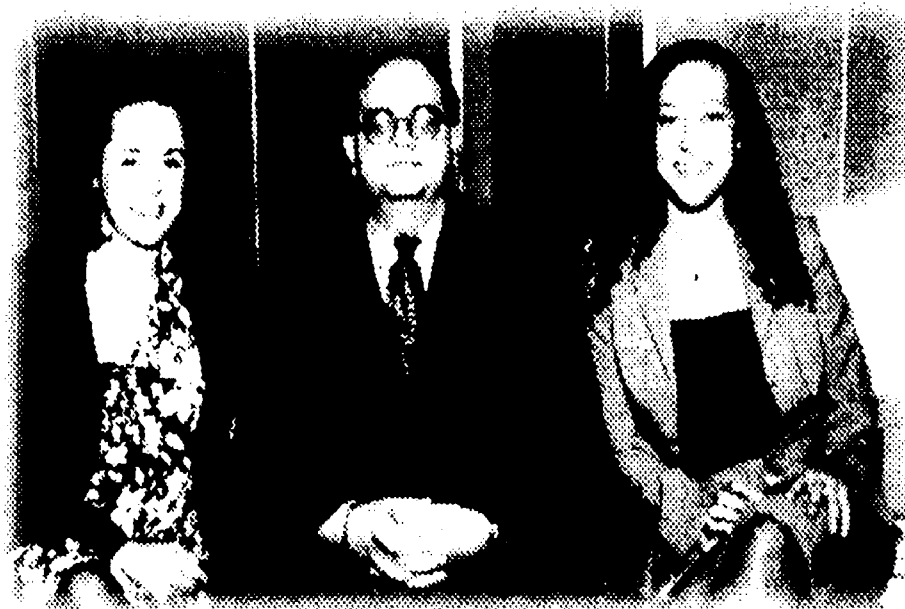
"We are very pleased to recognize the accomplishments of this distinguished group of students," said Professor Yvonne Sisko of the English department, one of the four faculty Chapter advisors. "Membership in Phi Theta Kappa may entitle these students to apply for more than \$33 million in scholarship money awarded by four-year institutions throughout the United States, scholarship money that is specifically reserved for Phi Theta Kappa students who have graduated from two-year colleges."

Dr. John Bakum, president of Middlesex County College, congratulated the Chapter for the awards recently won at Regional and International conventions. At the Regional convention with chapters from throughout New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland, the Middlesex Chapter was awarded Five Star status and named Champion Chapter for its outstanding participation in Phi Theta Kappa scholarship initiatives. This is the fourth consecutive year the Middlesex Chapter earned this distinction. It also was designated "Chapter of Recognition" for its outstanding achievement in all Phi Theta Kappa hallmarks—scholarship, leadership, fellowship and community service. Individual awards were presented to outgoing president Paula Haughney of Old Bridge, named to the Chapter President's Hall of Honor, Maureen Drabek of South Plainfield,

named to the Chapter Officer's Hall of Honor and Carol Lavallo of Old Bridge, named to the first Chapter Member's Hall of Honor.

At the International competition held in Nashville in April, the Middlesex Chapter was named one of the top 100 chapters among the more than 1,300 Phi Theta Kappa chapters worldwide, again recognizing its outstanding achievement in all four hallmarks. This is the third consecutive year that Middlesex has earned this honor.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is open to students who have earned at least 12 but not more than 42 degree credits and have a grade point average of at least 3.5. "There are limitless opportunities for our students who earn membership in this honor society," Professor Sisko said. "Phi Theta Kappa membership is the reward for academic achievement and service."



All from Perth Amboy (L-R): Noelle Zaleski, Steven Muniz, Tiffany Walker. Missing from photo: Heriberto Cardoso, David Rivera.

Rutgers Summer Session Offers 1,000 Courses

NEW BRUNSWICK — Ready to stretch your mind this summer along with stretching out on the beach? Then Rutgers-New Brunswick's Summer Session 2002 has the right course waiting to engage your interest.

Rutgers Session offers more than 1,000 undergraduate and graduate courses, including classes in liberal arts, business administration, communication, education, human resource management, library and information studies, public policy, social work and statistics. Professional development program and classes in a variety of fields are available.

The university also offers courses in tune with summer's

pace. Individuals can camp out under the stars on a "Study Tour of the American West," swim the waters of the Caribbean on an "Ecology and Biology of Coral Reefs" field study, combine study and community service in Costa Rica or learn the history of the blues, among other opportunities.

Courses are open to non-matriculating students, including students who attend other universities but are home for the summer, high school seniors, homemakers, retirees and anyone interested in professional advancement or self-development.

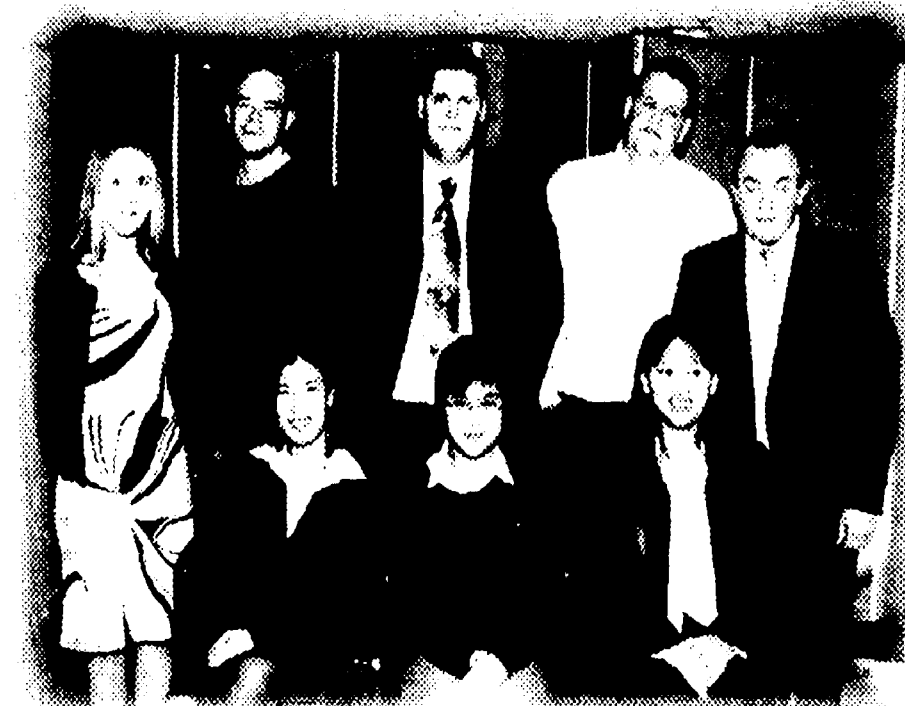
Classes begin May 28 and are

available over three separate sessions, May 28-July 5; June 24-Aug. 2 and July 8-Aug. 14. Saturday-only classes meet June 1-Aug. 10. In addition to the New Brunswick campus, courses are also taught at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, Freehold Colonial Campus and the Rutgers Executive Training Facility in Mount Arlington. Campus grounds and buildings are handicapped accessible.

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All from Sayreville (L-R): Tiffany Avdalas, Dawn McCarthy, Lana Gilbert. Standing: Olga Wiley, John Cox, Jr.



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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

New Jersey Festival Of Ballooning

READINGTON—Over 125 colorful hot air balloons will fill the summer skies at Solberg Airport in Readington, as part of the 20th annual Quick Chek New Jersey Festival of Ballooning presented by JCP&L. A FirstEnergy

Company a three-day long festival for the entire family which will be held on July 26-28, rain or shine.

A dazzling assortment of balloons, including special shapes such as the Quick Chek American Eagle, JCP&L Polar

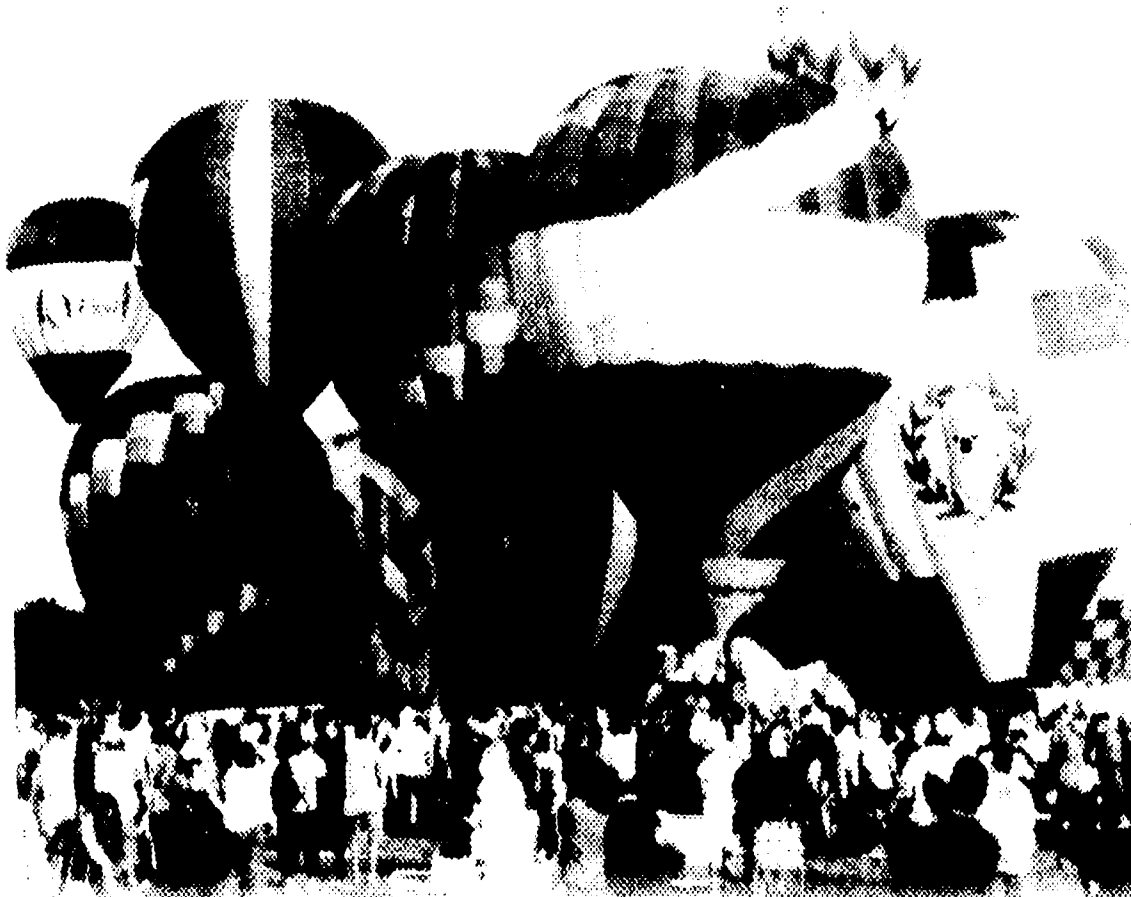
Bear, 160' Energizer Bunny, Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Cone, the new American Flag balloon and Cargolifter will take flight Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday at both 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Balloon rides in beautifully colored balloons will be offered for a once-in-a-lifetime experience, or tethered rides will be available.

This year's musical line-up opens Friday night with the world famous Dave Mason Band; On Saturday night Green Mountain Energy presents Hall & Oates appearing at 8 p.m. On Sunday, PNC Bank presents The Beach Boys at 3 p.m. All concerts

will take place on the Michelob Light Stage.

Back by popular demand is the Paul Bunyan Lumberjack Show, complete with log rolling, tree climbing, wood chopping and an ax-throwing competition. This year will also feature the New Jersey Monthly Balloon Explorium, Quick Chek Entertainment Tent, NJEA Barnstorming Air Show, Airborne Jugglers, The JCP&L Family Fun Center, The Cat Chow Way of Life Tour and Scooby-Doo's Movie Madness.

For more information regarding tickets, attractions and directions, call 1-800-HOT-AIR-9 or visit the Festival Web site at www.balloonfestival.com. Tickets are \$15 in advance/\$20 at the gate for adults and \$6 in advance/\$10 at the gate for children (three and under are free). The free Aetna Shuttle Express will speed the trip to the festival site. A portion of the proceeds from advance ticket sales at Quick Chek Stores in June and July will benefit the Children's Miracle Network.



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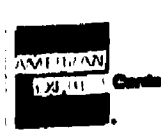
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Flamenco Passion In Metuchen

AREA—Teatro Si, the premiere Hispanic arts theater company of New Jersey, will present *Mood Flamenco* on Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Forum Theater in downtown Metuchen. This new production by the outstanding Alborada Spanish Dance Theater Company is a must for lovers

of this passionate Spanish dance form. This program brings, live to the stage, some of the classics of Spanish dance along with some extra special surprise features.

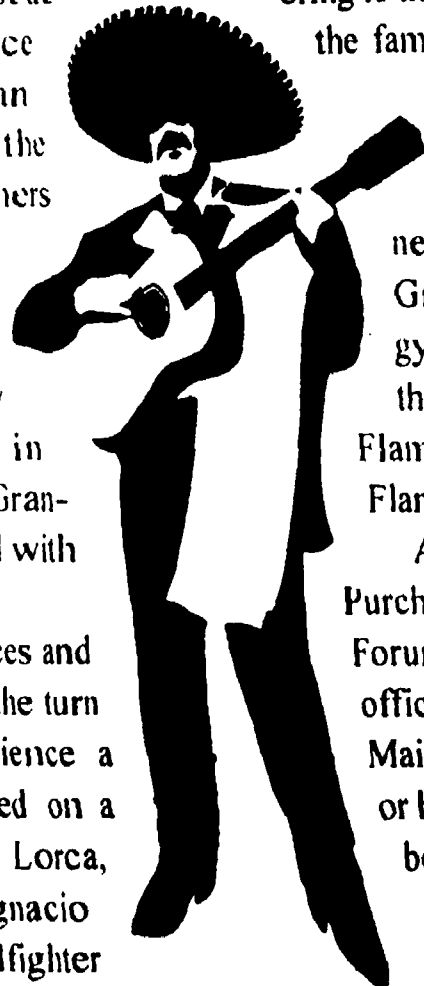
The entire company shares the stage with four very special guest artists including Peter Suraz, a renowned flamenco dancer from Spain and a principal performer in Zeffirelli's production of *Carmen* at the Met in New York City, who brings us his passionate interpretations of Spanish dance along with the famous Lisa

Botalico, the resident guest artist at the Alborada Spanish Dance Theater Company. Also, enjoy an appearance by Victorio, one of the best Spanish dance choreographers in the business, who has choreographed several films in Hollywood and Europe. Last, but not least, an appearance by David Castellano, a much in demand flamenco singer from Granada, Spain who recently toured with Pilar Rioja.

Come enjoy a trilogy of dances and songs of Northern Spain from the turn of the century. Also, experience a Gypsy Lament, which is based on a poem by Federico Garcia Lorca, immortalizing his friend Ignacio Sanchez Mejia, the famous bullfighter who died at 5 p.m. when all bullfights begin ("A las cinco de la tarde..."). Dancers, Peter Suarez and Victorio,

bring to the stage the Farruca, the famous duet that celebrates the tradition of the bullfight. Then journey to a cave in Granada, where the gypsies bring to life the true spirit of the Flamenco, a mood Flamenco.

All seats are \$20. Purchase tickets at the Forum Theater box office, located at 314 Main Street, Metuchen or by calling the theater box office at (732) 548-0582. For more information call Teatro Si at (908) 301-9496.



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Baseball Card Trading Floor News

AREA—The etopps IPO (Individual Player Offerings) market is through the roof as eight player cards from 2001 are currently trading for more than \$100, after an initial offering price of \$6.50, says Warren

Friss, VP of Topps Internet Business.

Edgardo Alfonso has become baseball's highest price player card on the etopps.com baseball card trading floor, trading online for more than \$227. Barry Bonds shows his staying power as his card trades for more than \$110, with more than four times the number of cards available for trading.

"We are seeing an incredible demand for these cards among collectors," Friss said. "Fonzie's cards, one of the first we offered, came out while he was hurt last year and sold in limited numbers.

He's always been popular, and now he's leading all of

etopps baseball with the price of his 2001 card." Barry Bonds' popularity remains high among etopps traders, Friss said. With 1567 etopps cards issued during Bonds' IPO week, the latest winning bid online for a Bonds card was \$110.

So far the Mets are leading the Yankees in the dollar amounts their etopps cards are trading for, if not in the number of cards sold. Currently Derek Jeter leads all Yankee players in etopps card value, trading at \$81.

"New York has always been a great sports town, and the enthusiasm of New York baseball fans is clearly reflected on the etopps site," said Friss.

Ten Star All Star Basketball Camp

AREA—Final applications are now being evaluated for The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp. The Camp is by invitation only. Boys and girls ages 10-19 are eligible to apply. Past participants include: Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan, Vince Carter, Jerry Stackhouse, Grant Hill and Antawn Jamison. Players from 48 states and 7 foreign countries attended the 2001 Camp. College Basketball Scholarships are possible for players

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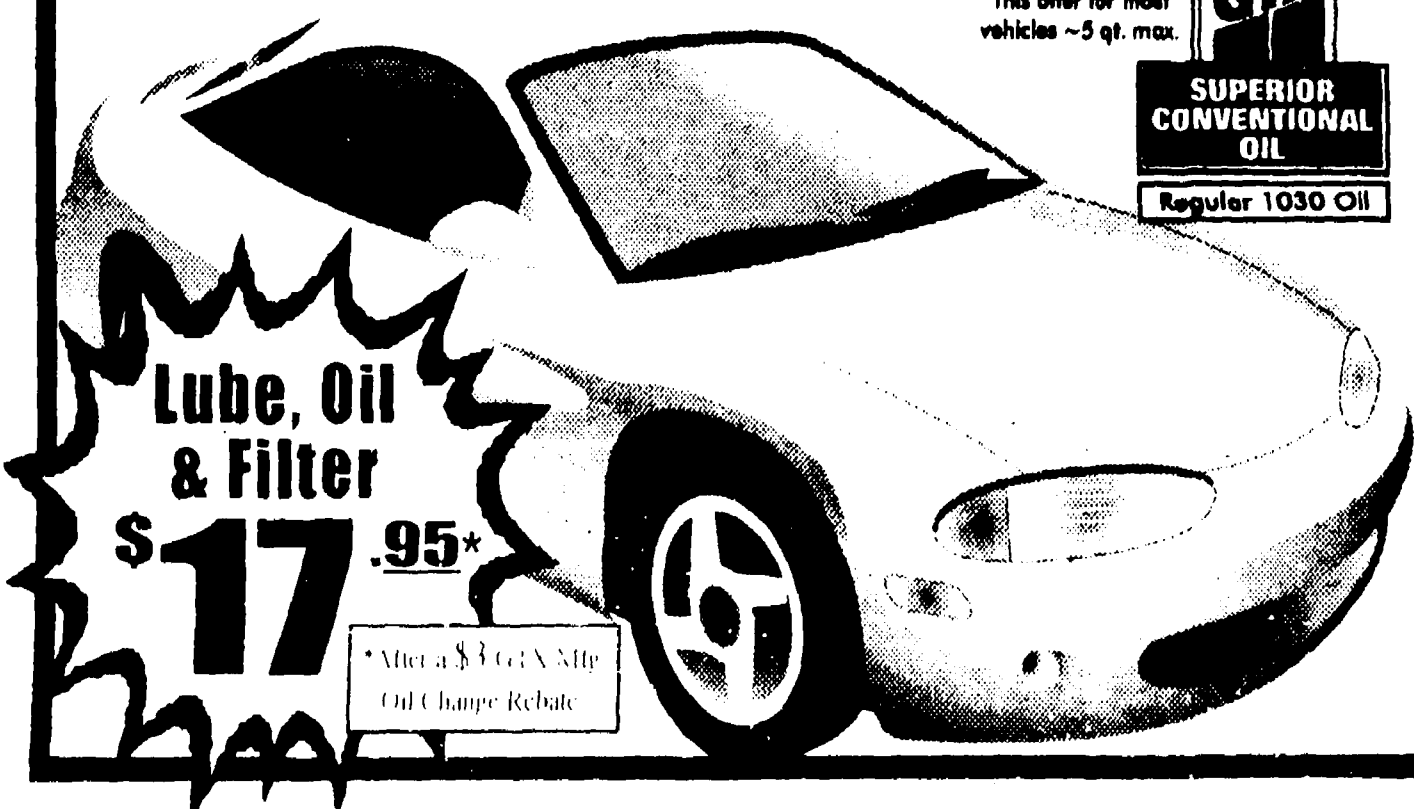
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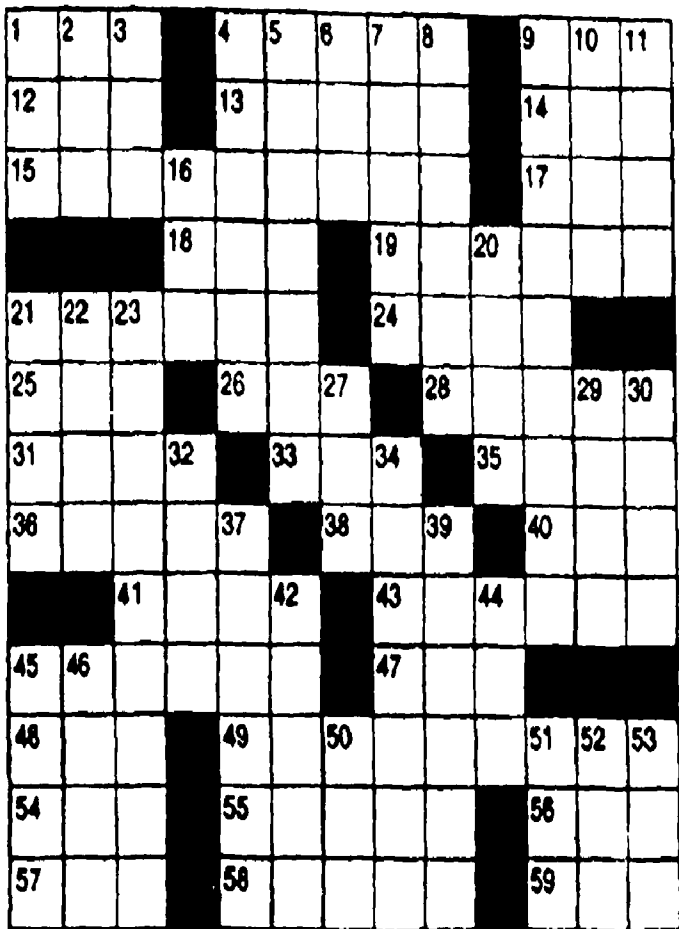
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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

Trey continued to damage Leo's character in front of Greenlee. Later, Trey secretly tormented Vanessa, demanding that she tell him where she's hidden her money. Ryan and Kendall made love, and later he assured her that his feelings for her ran deeper than a one-night stand. Erica told Opal she might call off her vendetta against Kendall in order to keep Chris happy. Mia was shaken when Trey mentioned her son. Wait to See: Erica and Kendall clash over Bianca.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Jack and Carly were reunited, while Lucy provided Craig with some "information." Mary put a price on Molly's head. Ian proposed to Bonnie. Rose began to wonder if she had a future with Paul. Wait to See: Bonnie has a confrontation with Isaac. Jack and Dr. Weston face off.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

Whip promised Brooke he would treat her child as if it were his own and that marrying him would be a good thing for her. Ridge believed Massimo was telling the truth about his

(Ridge's) opportunities with Massimo's company and Massimo's plans to make him his heir. But Jonathan was leery of the offer and tried to talk Ridge out of signing it. Ridge told Eric to warn Rick to expect Ridge to get his revenge. Later Ridge contacted Clarke, who then got Sally drunk enough to sign over Spectra to him (Ridge). But later, Stefano tore up the bill of sale. Wait to See: Stephanie considers Ridge's plan to "destroy" Brooke.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

Abe packed his bags and moved out of the DiMera mansion. Celeste had disturbing vibes about Lexie's actions. Victor got his hands on a valuable possession. Shawn and Belle grew farther apart when he accused her of causing Jan's miscarriage. Jennifer refused Jack's plea to hear him out. An "omen" helped Brady decide on a place to live. Hope told Bo she might not be able to hand JT over to Barb and Glen. Sami, Lucas and Kate struggled to recover the tape of Sami's confession. Wait to See: Hope recalls a detail about the identity of Isaac's father.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Elizabeth overheard Lucky and Sarah exchange private thoughts at a meeting she (Elizabeth) secretly arranged. AJ announced he was moving back into the Quartermaine mansion with his bride, Courtney. Meanwhile, Alexis dared Sonny to push her away as he had everyone else, and was "rewarded" for her challenge with a passionate kiss. Carly and Zander's relationship heated up. Sonny refused Skye's demand that he cut Carly out of his life. Later, Zander told Sonny that Carly might have driven off a cliff into Lake Ontario. Nikolas was upset to see Sharifa, the undercover agent, in the secret tunnel. Wait to See: Luke makes a discovery.

GUIDING LIGHT

A twisted Tory began to play out her fantasies. Tony's family failed to understand his strange silence. Rick and Mel strengthened their relationship. Alan tried to deal with Olivia's enemies.

Wait to See: Cassie and Olivia have a confrontation. Mel follows her heart. Michelle takes a job.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Jordan began her seduction of Ben. Nora began to learn more about Troy. Allison was delighted to learn of Roxy's arrest for trying to kill Seth and Jessica. Niki alerted Viki of her (Niki's) plans to get rid of Ben. Later, "Viki" (actually Niki) tried to distract Ben when he walked in on her discussion with Jordan. Chad told a shocked Natalie that her mother, "Viki," tried to hit on him. Alex agreed to donate blood marrow to Jack. Wait to See: Sam makes a shocking discovery about Todd.

PASSIONS

Zombie Charity continued searching for Timmy as Tabitha feared for his life. Later, Zombie Charity was shaken when she realized that an important page was missing from the book of spells. After Theresa's testimony, Alistair met with the judge and told him what verdict he was to hand down. Meanwhile, Gwen realized that Theresa still loved Ethan. In Bermuda at the masked ball, Brian and Beth sat with Sheridan and Luis, and as everyone was about to unmask, Sheridan became ill and had to be helped to her room. Wait to See: Tabitha tells Luis he'll be reunited with Sheridan in their next lives.

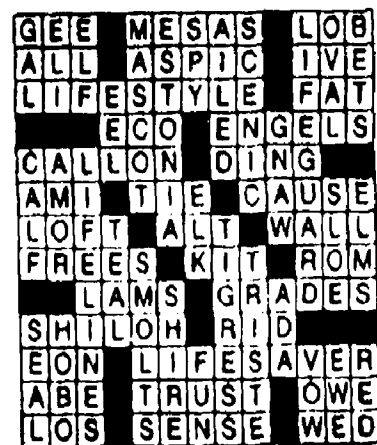
PORT CHARLES

Alison continued to yearn for Rafe's return as she danced alone amidst Rebecca's lit candles. Meanwhile, James offered Rafe a chance for a normal life with Alison in return for Rafe's soul. Karen reacted to the "Desire" candle by kissing Ricky. Later, Rebecca stepped out of her portrait and used one of her candles to make Kevin disappear. Wait to See: Lucy grows more apprehensive. Jamal tries to speak with Rebecca. James makes Rafe another offer.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

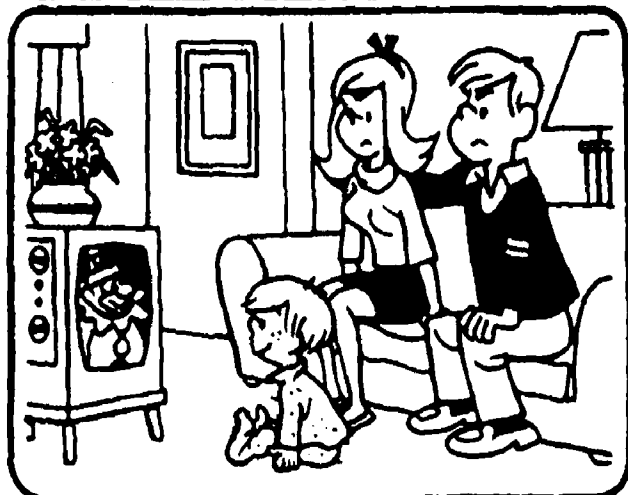
Chris told Michael that she returned to Genoa City to help Sharon save her marriage to Nick. Meanwhile, Diane cautioned Isabella not to push Paul to the altar. After a romantic dinner, Victor told a shaken Nikki that he had to leave town for a while, but will always love her. Raul told Brittany he'd been accepted by a college in Boston. Later, Raul told Mac he's certain Billy is not her stalker. Wait to See: Ralph moves in closer to Mac.

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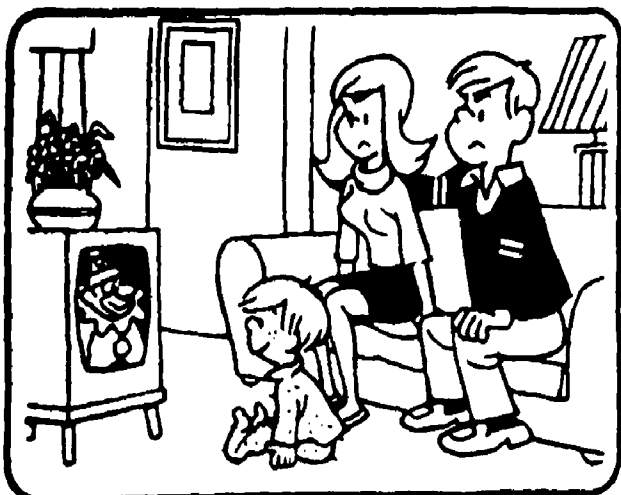


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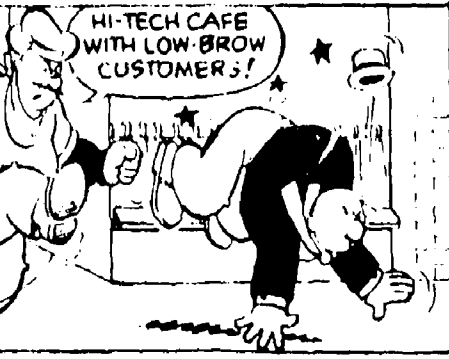
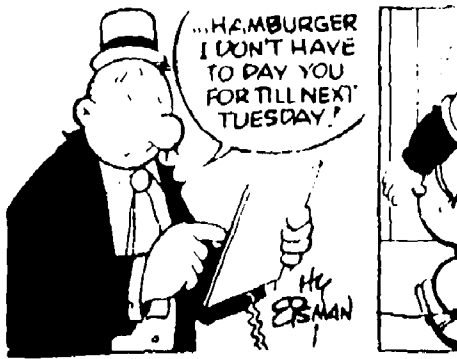
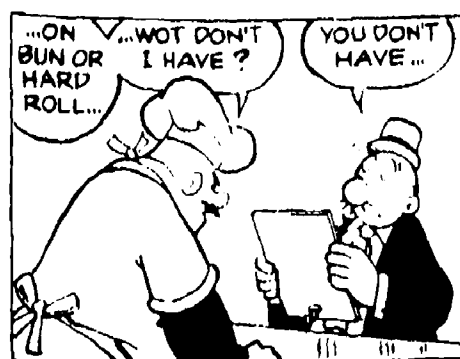
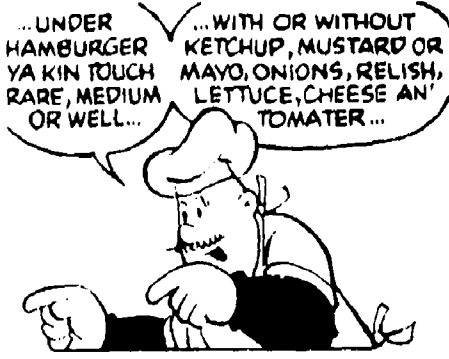
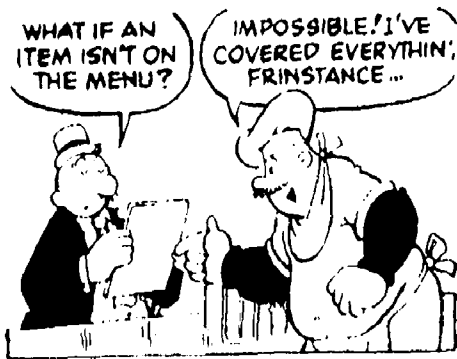
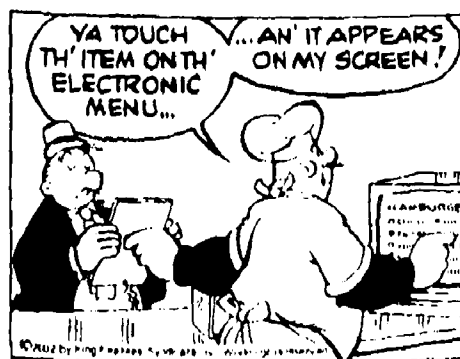
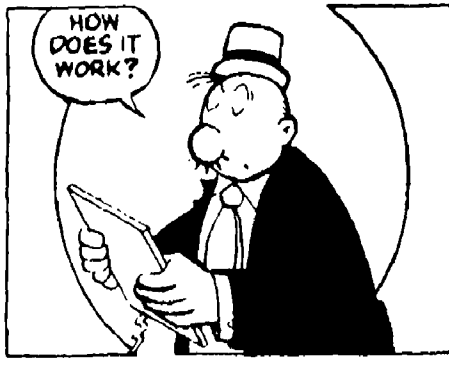
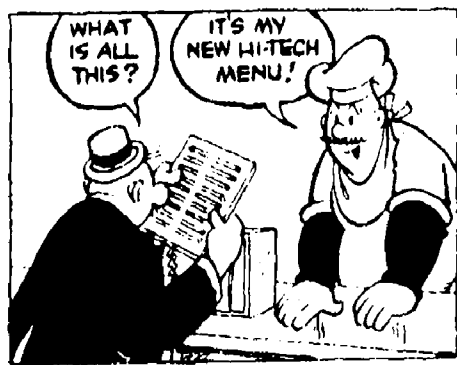
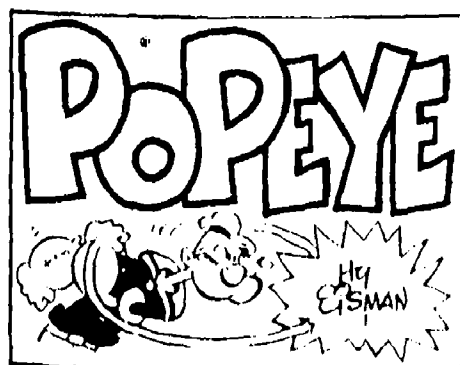
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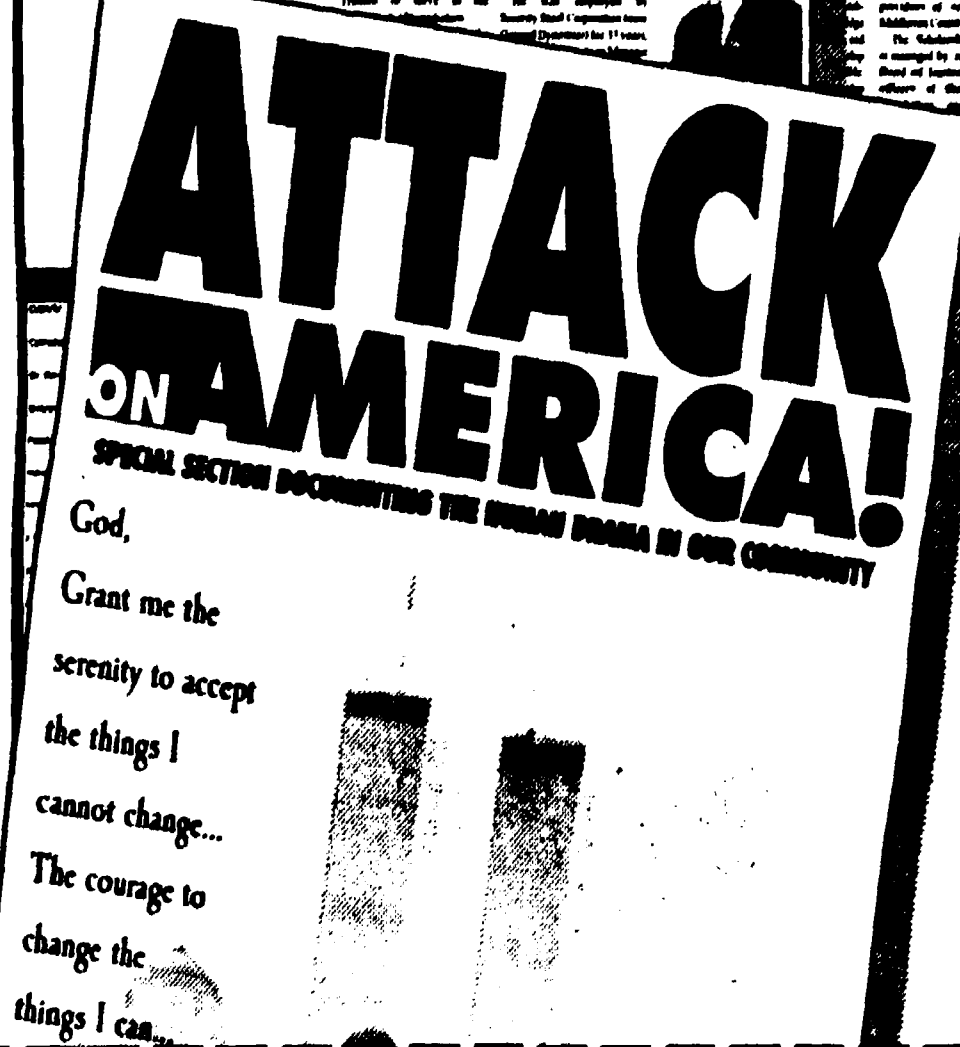
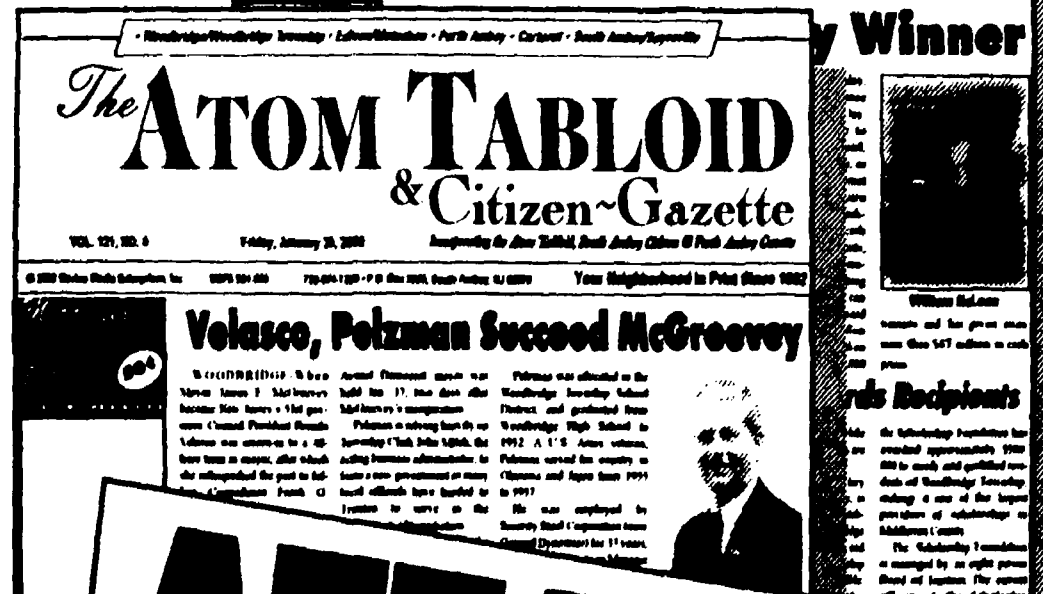
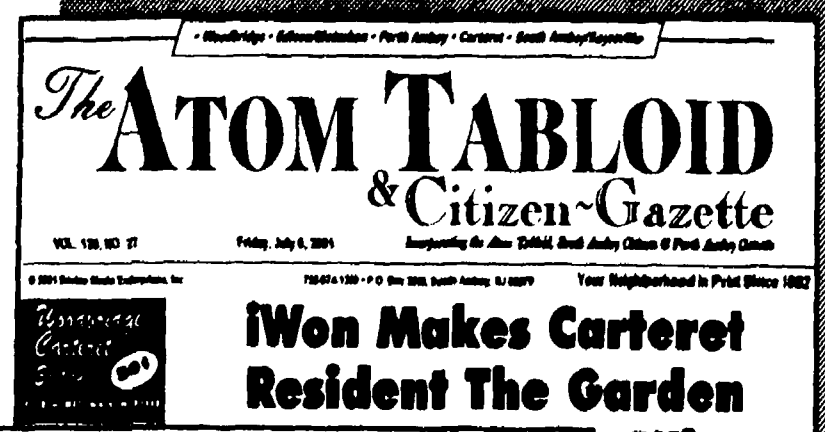
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OBITUARIES**Emil J. Wojcik, Sr.
of Iselin**

Mr. Emil J. Wojcik Sr. of Iselin died April 10 at home. He was 81.

Born in Elizabeth, he lived in Iselin since 1951.

He was a machinist for Art Metal, Hillside, for 25 years before retiring in 1987.

Surviving are four sons, Steven, Mark, Emil Jr. and Paul; three daughters, Diane Howley, Darlene Dupre and Denise Groiss; a brother, Walter; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**John Ahladianakis
of Woodbridge**

Mr. John Ahladianakis of Woodbridge died April 10 at home. He was 58.

Born in Crete, Greece, he lived in Woodbridge for the past 25 years.

Before his retirement 10 years ago, he was employed as a chef at Tree House Restaurant, Woodbridge Center, for seven years.

He was a graduate of Ethnikon Metsovion Politeknio in Greece with a M.A. degree in civil engineering.

Mr. Ahladianakis was a member of St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, Perth Amboy, where he was a member of the Mr. and Mrs. Club.

He was also a member of the Cretan International Society.

Surviving are his wife, the former Argiro Klidas; two sons, Nicholas and Gary, both of Woodbridge; a sister, Maria Drakaki of Crete, Greece and his grandsons, John and Matthew.

**Margaret Mayo, 59
of Port Reading**

Mrs. Margaret Mayo of Port Reading died April 18 in Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. She was 59.

Born in Highland Park, she lived in Jersey City before moving to Port Reading 18 years ago.

Surviving are her husband, George Sr.; a daughter, Patricia Bower; a son, George Jr.; two brothers, William and Joseph Grohol; five sisters, Anna Yaworski, Agnes Hart, Dolores Shortell, Bernice Bruning and Martha Setola; and a grandchild.

**Grace Larkin, 89
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Grace E. Larkin of Drexel Hill, Pa., (formerly of Perth Amboy) died April 1 at Manor Care Nursing Home, Yeadon, Pa. She was 89.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived there most of her life before relocating to Pennsylvania.

She was a teacher's aide for a special-education class in Perth Amboy school system.

Mrs. Larkin was a member of the Simpson United Methodist Church, Perth Amboy.

Her parents, Joseph and Grace (Merrill) Larkin, are deceased.

Surviving are a nephew, Doug Sofield, his wife, Suzette and their children of Drexel Hill whom she lived with for six years.

**Dorothy C. Moore
of Perth Amboy**

Mrs. Dorothy C. Moore of Scottsdale, Ariz. (formerly of Perth Amboy) died April 20 at Mayo Clinic Hospital, Scottsdale. She was 71.

Born in Perth Amboy, she moved to Scottsdale in 1988.

She retired from the J.B. Williams Company of Cranford, where she was an administrative assistant for 10 years. Prior to that, she was employed by Gulton Industries of Metuchen.

She was an avid supporter of the Cactus Shadows High School Dance and Pom Team in Cave Creek, Ariz.

Her parents, Catherine Hayko and Walter Olsen, as well as a sister, Carol Olsen and a brother, Walter Olsen, are all deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Deborah Prokop of Scottsdale; two granddaughters, Katie Lynn and Sara Lynn Prokop, both at home; a brother, Richard Olsen of Holmdel; and a nephew Eric Olsen of Holmdel; one surviving aunt, Anna Erdek of South Amboy, many cousins and friends.

**Anthony N. Testa
of Parlin**

Mr. Anthony N. Testa of Parlin died April 2 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 69.

Born on Staten Island, he had resided in Parlin since 1964.

Before his retirement in 1992, he was employed as a power-plant supervisor with Proctor & Gamble, New York, where he worked for 18 years.

Prior to that he was employed as a general foreman with U.S. Gypsum in Staten Island, where he worked for 24 years.

Mr. Testa was an Army veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Disabled American Veterans Post 1514 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, both in Staten Island.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's R.C. Church, South Amboy, where he served as a counter in the church finance office and was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

His parents, Joseph and Margaret Testa; two sisters, Beverly Testa and Lorraine Orlando and two brothers, Thomas and Robert Testa, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 43 years, the former Elizabeth Hammer; three sons, Kenneth of Manalapan, Kevin of Elmsford, N.Y. and Keith of Metuchen; two daughters, Karen Bentivenga of Marlboro and Kathleen Testa of Biglerville, Pa.; seven grandchildren, Ann, Amanda, Ashley, Christopher, Nicholas, Sarah and Anthony N. Testa II; two brothers, Joseph of Parlin and Richard of Watchung; five sisters, Elizabeth Luciano and Clair Corbitt, both of Florida, Olive Bzydra of Old Bridge, Bernice Albanese of Monroe Township and Denise De Puy of Staten Island.

**Josephine Viater
of Carteret**

Mrs. Josephine Viater of Carteret died April 18 at the McCarrick Care Center, Somerset. She was 88.

Born in Exeter, Pa., she lived in Carteret for 56 years.

She was a packer with the Metro Glass Co., Carteret, before retiring.

Surviving are a daughter, Mary Ann Coughlin; a brother, Bernard Lavin and two grandchildren.

**Joseph Golaszewski
of Sayreville**

Mr. Joseph Frank Golaszewski of Sayreville died April 1 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick. He was 71.

Born in Sayreville, he was a lifelong borough resident.

Before his retirement in 1990, he was employed as a chemical engineer with SmithKline Beecham, Piscataway, where he worked for over 25 years.

Mr. Golaszewski served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

His parents, Frank and Anna Golaszewski; a brother, Stanley Golaszewski and a sister, Pat Fisher, are all deceased.

Surviving are his wife, the former Eleanor Thom; two daughters, Carol Golaszewski of Sayreville and Donna Butler of Parlin; a son, Joseph of Whiting; four grandchildren, Brad, Jason, Bobby and Kyle; a brother, Milton Golaszewski of South Plainfield and a sister, Joyce Poddig of Pennsylvania.

**Rose Kalafor, 92
of Sayreville**

Miss Rose M. Kalafor of Sayreville died April 12 at Madison Center, Old Bridge. She was 92.

She was a lifelong resident of Sayreville. Miss Kalafor was a communicant of St. Stanislaus R.C. Church, Sayreville.

Her brother, Joseph, died in 2001. Surviving are a sister, Annette Kalafor of Sayreville and several nieces and nephews.

**Ana Alvira, 94
of Edison**

Mrs. Ana Alvira of Edison died April 21 at Hartwyck at Edison Estates Nursing Home, Edison. She was 94.

Born in Ponce, Puerto Rico, she came to the United States in 1950 and lived in the Bronx, N.Y. She moved to Edison in 1982.

She was a homemaker. Her husband, Amando Alvira, died in 1973; two sons, Luis Alvira, died in 2001 and Jose Alvira, died in 1968. Surviving are a daughter, Luz Sivertsen of Edison 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

**James C. Miller
of Edison**

Mr. James C. Miller of Edison died April 20 at home. He was 84.

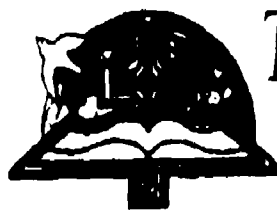
Born in Jersey City, he lived in Hoboken before moving to Edison 32 years ago. He was a steamfitter for 50 years with Local 475, Newark, before retiring in 1983. Surviving are his wife, Marie; three sons, Donald Miller and Lawrence and Gary Niech; a daughter, Marilyn Russnak; a sister, Mabel Ceglie; ten grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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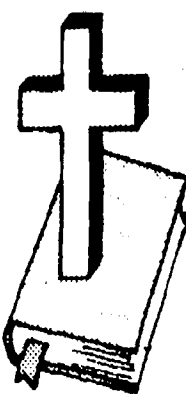
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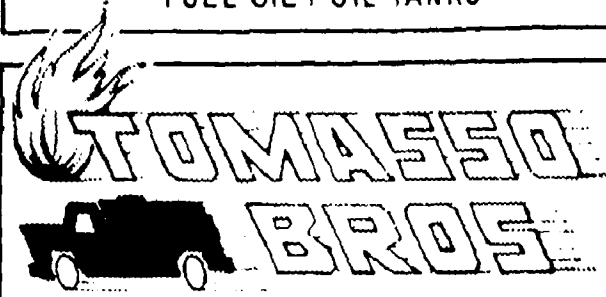
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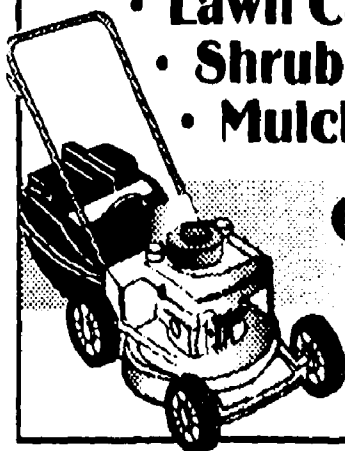
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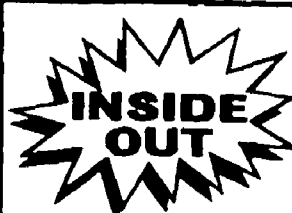
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60 Years Of Outstanding Service

SAYREVILLE—The Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union held yet another successful Annual Meeting, on Friday, April 5. This meeting marked the 60th for the Credit Union. Held at the VFW in Sayreville, the 60th Annual Meeting featured a live band, sit-down dinner, and inspirational words from the Credit Union's leaders.

It was a night of joy, sentiment and patriotism, especially

for those members of the Board who have been with the Credit Union since its charter, in 1941. Robert J. Sabb, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order and welcomed the 151 attendees seated at the hall, which was decorated in a patriotic theme of red, white and blue. A prayer and moment of silence for departed members, as well as the victims of the 9/11 tragedy, were offered.

Following was the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States, and a request for all to join the Paul Dhenz Band in singing, "God Bless America."

The Board of Directors Report was delivered by Robert J. Sabb, Chairman. He commended the members for their support, staff for their hard work, and Board for their leadership and guidance throughout

the past year. Sabb also updated attendees on the success of the new Parlin EXPRESS Service Center, which opened for business on January 28 at 502 Washington Road, Parlin.

Thomas J. O'Shea, President/CEO, Raritan Bay FCU, delivered the Management Report, in which he emphasized the purpose of having meetings of Credit Union business every day. O'Shea stressed the relevance of everything discussed at the Credit Union, whether it be a loan, investment or checking account.

O'Shea promised members of the Credit Union that he will continue to strive towards the never ending goal of serving them with the utmost excellence everyday, never failing to keep

their best interests in mind. He continued by adding words of sorrow and humility regarding the horrific events of September 11, 2001, revealing that Raritan Bay FCU will persevere in making a difference in the lives of every individual it serves.

Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union is a non-profit, community chartered financial institution that serves everyone who lives, works or worships in Sayreville, South Amboy, and South River. Raritan Bay Federal Credit Union was chartered in 1941, and is owned and operated by its members.

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South Amboy Veterans Learn About Benefits

SOUTH AMBOY — Detailed explanation of the full range of benefits available to disabled veterans and their families will be presented at an upcoming Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Mobile Service Office visit.

Like all services provided by the nonprofit DAV, there will be no charge for this on-site counseling and claim filing assistance, which will be hosted by Benyei-Connors Chapter No. 67. It will be presented at the DAV Chapter Home, 99 George Street, South Amboy, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on May 7.

A highly trained National Service Officer from the DAV's Newark office will meet with you personally. "This veterans' benefit expert offers you the best counseling and claim filing assistance you

and your family can get," DAVE National Adjutant Arthur H. Wilson said in a letter inviting local veterans and their families to visit the Mobile Service Officer.

That's important, he said, because, "so many disabled veterans feel confused about benefits and services they've earned. There's so much to know...and so many changes from one year to the next."

Veterans and members of their families need not be DAV or DAV Auxiliary members to take advantage of this free DAV service. They should bring their Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) claim number and Social Security number and any other pertinent documentation to the DAV Mobile Service Office location.

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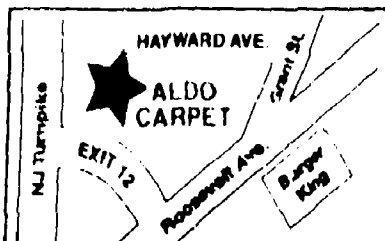
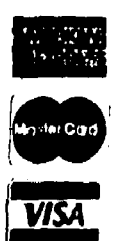
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