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Ethics Complaint Filed In Planning Board Dispute

SAYREVILLE—Planning Board member Michael D'Addio has filed an ethics complaint against Councilman Tom Marcinczyk.

The complaint, filed two weeks ago, stems from Marcinczyk's opposition to re-zoning a portion of Washington Road to allow businesses to operate there. Marcinczyk owns a landscaping business in Sayreville. The zoning change would benefit a landscaping business owned by Greg Camerato and a Washington Road bank.

The planning board voted 6-1 to recommend the zoning change to the borough council.

D'Addio said, "Councilman Marcinczyk is in direct violation with ethics codes." He cited a statute that prohibits officials

from using their positions to gain advantage for themselves or from acting on any matter in which they have a financial interest.

When Camerato bought a house on the corner of Washington and Dupont Street five years ago as a home for his business, the land was zoned for business. However, the zoning had been changed to residential several years ago, so Camerato needs the property to be re-zoned or would need to seek a variance.

Marcinczyk defended his actions, "You don't lose your right to voice your opinion at a public meeting. I'm a councilman and a businessman, and I'm also a taxpayer in Sayreville."

The rezoning decision also prompted a dispute between Mayor Kennedy O'Brien and

board secretary Lois Bobchin, who serves on the board as the mayor's designee.

Bobchin left the room before the rezoning vote and did not cast

a vote on the issue, prompting O'Brien to ask her to step down. Bobchin said she was not feeling well and does not intend to resign her seat.

Court Rejects Challenge To Redevelopment Project

PERTH AMBOY—The New Jersey Supreme Court rejected a challenge to Perth Amboy's redevelopment plan and area designation involving the "Landings at Harborside" redevelopment project.

The State Appellate Court had unanimously ruled that Tri State's challenge to the decision by the City Council to designate the 50 acres along the Kill Van Kull in Perth Amboy as an area in need of redevelopment. The Appellate Court affirmed the ruling of the Trial Court, which concluded that Tri State's objections were filed approximately two years too late.

The Appellate Court also rejected, out of hand, the claim that the decision to designate the redevelopment area was invalid because the votes of various city officials were not effective due to conflicts of interest. The Appellate Court agreed with the decision of Judge Hurley that the provisions of the Local Government Ethics Law and other conflict of interest

laws had not been violated.

"The decision of the Supreme Court clears a significant hurdle that had existed regarding the 'Landings at Harborside' redevelopment project," stated Mayor Vas. "The city has acted lawfully throughout the entire redevelopment process. We can now move forward to see the 'Landings' project begin so that new tax ratables, new housing, new parks and an entirely new city neighborhood can be built along our waterfront," he added.

The Perth Amboy Redevelopment Agency entered into a redevelopment agreement with "Landings" that calls for the construction of approximately 2,000 residences, a waterfront public walkway and park, a community cultural center, a hotel site, retail space and an international food market. When completed, the project has been estimated to cost in excess of \$600 million. The Tri State Dry Dock occupies a five-acre area along the waterfront that is slated to become a public park under the agreement.

Work Begins On 9/11 Memorial

METUCHEN—A groundbreaking ceremony for the Freedom Plaza project was held last week. Freedom Plaza will be a memorial to New Jersey's victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

The plaza will have a 16-foot tall clock, a circular patio, decorative piers, and plaques listing the names of all 696 New Jersey victims of Sept. 11. It will be located at Metuchen's train station.

Metuchen Mayor Ed O'Brien said, "I'd give my right arm not

to have had this ground breaking, but it signified the outpouring of support for not forgetting those who lost their lives."

More than \$212,000 has been raised through donations. Additional donations will be accepted through July 25 and can be sent to the Metuchen-Edison YMCA, 65 High Street, Metuchen, NJ 08840.

The plaza is expected to be complete in late September or early October.



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YOUR COUNTY NEWS

MCIA Recycling Robot Makes Triumphant Return

MIDDLESEX COUNTY He's back! M.C. Blue, the recyclable recycling robot, is on his 2002 tour of Middlesex County promoting good recycling practices in area schools, civic and business organizations, senior citizen clubs and other groups.

The "new" model M.C. Blue is five feet tall, weighs 65 pounds and has engaging blue eyes.

He teams up with a "friend" from the Middlesex County Improvement Authority (MCIA) to present a series of programs on various aspects of recycling in the county.

M.C. Blue is made almost entirely of materials that can be recycled and is custom-designed by Probotics America of Richardson, TX, which has

also designed robots for Disney World and several major U.S. corporations.

M.C. Blue began touring the country in 1997.

This year, he has several new presentations for groups that may want to invite him for a return visit.

New programs include:

- "The Knock-Knock Show"—teaches the types of materials that are recycled in Middlesex County using a series of riddles in the classic joke form (Grades Pre-K-2).

- "Recycle It or Not"—tells what happens to materials when they are recycled, features a video appearance by Mr. Rogers (Grades Pre-K-2).

- "Recycling Trivia"—tests knowledge of what is recyclable and how to recycle in a

game show format (Grades 3-6). • "Recycling and the Landfill" provides details, facts and statistics on how the county landfill is operated and how recycling can extend its life (high school adult groups).

The popular older programs, "Planet Beauty" (Pre-K-2) and "Recycling Show and Tell" (all

ages), are also available. M.C. Blue was very active visiting area schools during the academic year that has just ended. Ed Windas, MCIA director of recycling, advises that this is a good time to book him for appearances at day camps and other programs in July and August or for visits to schools

beginning in September. M.C. Blue will also be appearing at the Middlesex County Fair, Aug. 5-11 from 6-9 p.m. each day.

For further information, contact Jennifer Apostol in the MCIA Education Department at (609) 655-5141 or e-mail mcadmin@mciauth.com.

Old Bridge Teachers Awarded Grant

OLD BRIDGE—Public Service Electric and Gas Company (PSE&G), in conjunction with the New Jersey Business/Industry/Science/Education Consortium (NJ BISEC), recently awarded an Environmental Education Grant to John Spalthoff and Jennifer Westcott, William A. Miller Elementary School, Old Bridge.

Spalthoff and Westcott received \$2,682 for *Greenhouse of Growth*.

Greenhouse of Growth, is a project to develop an existing school garden into a habitat that can be utilized and studied throughout all seasons. A greenhouse will be constructed and students will research spring annuals, plant the seeds and

complete an action plan of appropriate materials the school may utilize for compost. Students will nurture in the garden in an organic way that will reinforce respect and conservation of the environment.

Now in its twelfth year, the grant program, a joint effort between PSE&G and NJ BISEC, awarded \$16,000 teachers and schools for innovative environmental classroom projects.

The PSE&G/NJ BISEC Environmental Education Grant Program encourages educators to implement projects that connect environmental education with science, mathematics, computer science and/or technology concepts. Projects range from the creation of an organic vegetable garden in Union County to the research of the history, biology and culture of our rivers in Bergen County.

NJ BISEC, a nonprofit organization and the nation's first statewide business-education partnership, is dedicated to improving the teaching/learning process in science, math and technology for all New Jersey students K-12 statewide, by providing grants and professional development programs. Teachers in the PSE&G service area interested in applying for the 2003 environmental grant program can download an application at the NJ BISEC Web site. For more information about NJ BISEC, visit its Web site at www.NJ-BISEC.org or call (201) 216-5635.



GRANT FOR GREENHOUSE OF GROWTH—From (L.-R.) are John Spalthoff, Maria Pereira, Community Affairs Executive for PSE&G, Principal Dr. Carl Schavia, Peter Frampton, Manager—Strategic External Development for PSE&G, Jennifer Westcott.

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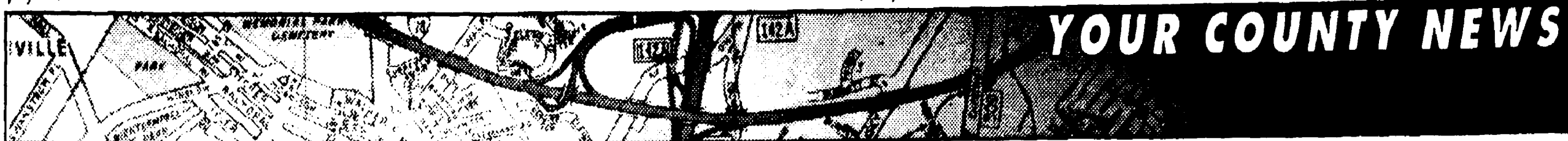
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Byrd Scholarship Winners Announced

STATE— Commissioner of Education William L. Librera has announced the names of 190 New Jersey students who will receive Robert C. Byrd Scholarships for 2002.

The federal scholarship program, administered by the New Jersey Department of Education, awards scholarships to the most academically talented members of high school graduating classes. The students compete against other applicants within each of New Jersey's 13 congressional districts.

Scholarship winners receive

\$1,500 a year, contingent on federal funding, for four years of study at any accredited college or university. Students who maintain full-time status and exhibit satisfactory academic progress are entitled to renew the scholarship each year.

Nearly 1,400 applications were received. The winners were selected based on their college entrance examination scores, class rankings, grade point averages, and other factors, including academic honors and responses to an essay question. Applicants must be

legal New Jersey residents and be nominated by their schools.

The following area students will receive the scholarships:

Damani Aaron, Edison High School; Huma Farid, Edison High School; Prital Kadakia of Edison, John P Stevens High School, Ryan Marcelino, Edison High School; Hemesh Rama of South Amboy, Rutgers Preparatory School; Brian Rock, Edison High School; and Jenner Yeh of Edison, John P Stevens High School.

Health System

Welcomes New Board Member

HOLMDEL — Robert P. Greene has been elected to the Board of Trustees for Bayshore Health Care Management Corporation and the Bayshore Community Hospital Foundation. Greene is currently Chief Operating Officer of Communications Media, Inc., Edison, one of the largest media service organizations in the pharmaceutical industry.

A longtime resident of Middletown, Greene distinctly remembers when the hospital was first built and decided to join the board after learning how much the Bayshore organization had expanded over the years.

"Bayshore is a very dynamic organization and I can only hope that my involvement will help the organization's services and quality of care here continue to grow," Greene stated. "I am very excited to be a part of this organization especially at a time when so many great things are in the works. The addition of the new radiology pavilion will be a great enhancement for the surrounding community."

Prior to his position as COO



Robert P. Greene

at Communications Media, Greene was vice president of media services with Commonhealth, Parsippany; media operations director for ER Squibb and Sons, Princeton and planning group director for Consumer Advertising Agencies, New York.

Greene attended the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA for his Bachelor of Science Degree and received his Master of Business Administration Degree in policy and management at Rutgers School of Management, Newark.

University Of Scranton Holds Graduation

"Executives at Enron and the Andersen accounting firm...lost their way one bad decision at a time," said Ms. Myers. "If one person along the way had had the courage to stand up and say no this is wrong, the outcome could have been much different."

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

Lisa Myers, chief congressional correspondent for NBC News, gave the principal address. She also received an honorary degree from The University of Scranton, as did Monsignor Santiago Mendez Bravo, president of University

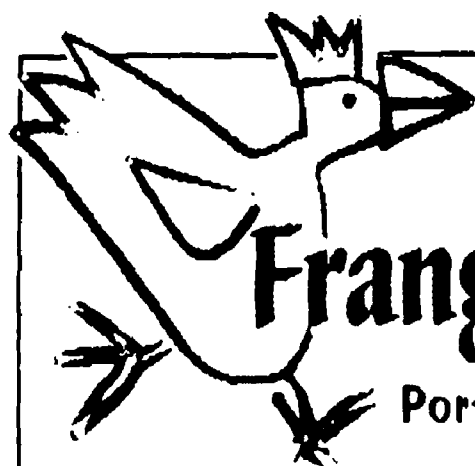
del Valle Ateamejac (UNIVA) and U.S. Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District.

Ms. Myers advised graduates not to "cut corners or fudge the truth" in their future careers.

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Area degree recipients are:

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



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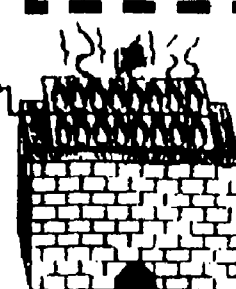
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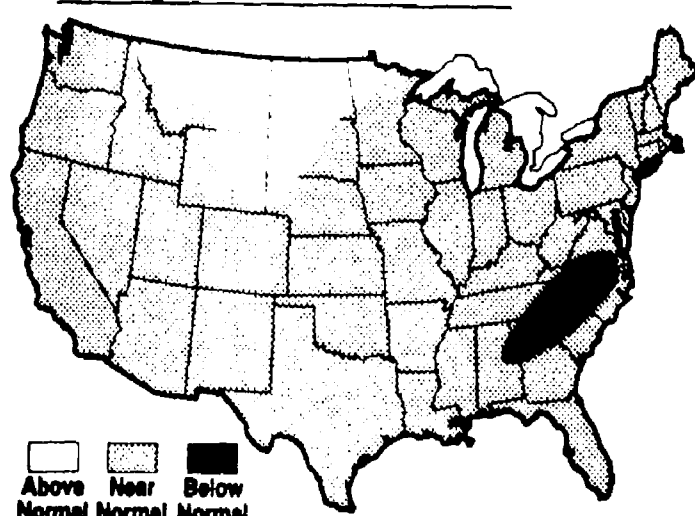
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LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
							
Hot and humid.	A few clouds and humid.	Humid with a few showers.	Drizzle; cloudy and humid.	Humid with showers.	A few t-storms and humid.	Mainly cloudy and humid.	Rather cloudy and humid.
91	68	85/68	85/68	83/73	89/73	86/75	93/74

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Temperatures

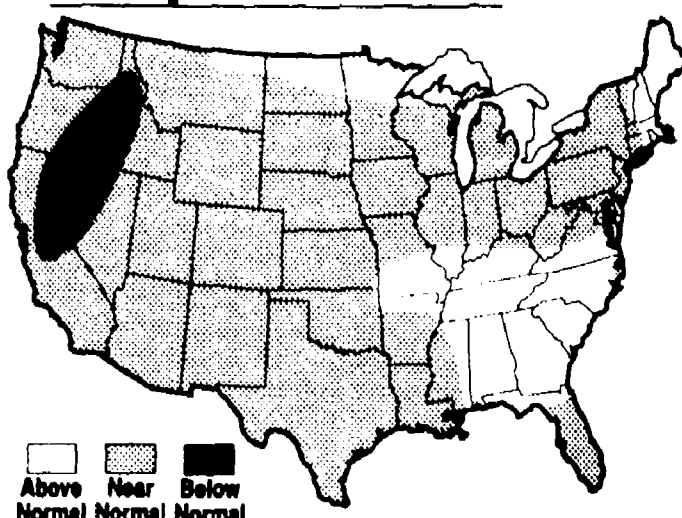


NATIONAL SUMMARY

Showers and thunderstorms will bring rain to the Midwest, northern Plains and the Ohio and Tennessee valleys. The wet weather will keep temperatures below normal across Tennessee and Alabama. Hot weather will continue to plague the northern Plains and Rocky Mountains. High pressure will keep the Great Basin dry.

THE WEEK AHEAD...

Precipitation



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	HI	Lo	W	HI	Lo	W	HI	Lo	W	HI	Lo	W
Atlanta	92	74	s	92	72	pc	91	72	pc	91	72	pc
Boston	87	66	pc	78	64	pc	81	66	c	79	73	sh
Chicago	86	68	t	84	64	t	84	64	pc	84	66	pc
Cleveland	86	64	t	82	62	pc	84	64	pc	84	66	sh
Denver	92	60	pc	90	62	t	88	62	pc	88	67	pc
Des Moines	90	70	t	90	68	pc	86	67	s	85	72	sh
Detroit	86	66	pc	82	64	pc	82	66	t	80	62	sh
Houston	96	76	s	94	76	s	94	76	pc	94	76	pc
Indianapolis	89	69	t	86	69	t	86	66	sh	87	68	s
Kansas City	90	72	pc	94	72	pc	90	70	pc	88	72	t
Los Angeles	80	63	pc	80	61	pc	80	61	pc	82	63	pc
Miami	92	78	pc	91	79	c	88	79	c	89	73	pc
Minn.-St. Paul	86	66	sh	82	64	t	84	66	pc	86	66	pc
New Orleans	94	79	s	93	78	s	93	77	s	93	74	pc
New York City	94	74	pc	84	68	pc	86	70	pc	83	75	pc
Omaha	90	70	pc	90	68	pc	88	68	pc	88	70	t
Phoenix	106	84	pc	106	84	pc	106	84	pc	106	77	pc
San Francisco	66	56	pc	66	54	pc	66	54	pc	66	54	pc
Seattle	74	54	pc	76	56	pc	76	56	pc	76	56	pc
Washington	96	74	s	90	72	pc	90	74	c	85	75	sh

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu.	5:41 a.m.	8:25 p.m.
Fri.	5:42 a.m.	8:24 p.m.
	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu.	3:03 p.m.	1:03 a.m.
Fri.	4:14 p.m.	1:34 a.m.

Moon Phases

First	Full	Last	New
			
July 17	July 24	July 31	Aug 7

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	64	52	c	64	46	pc	61	45	pc	64	47	s
Berlin	71	57	c	75	56	pc	65	48	c	67	50	pc
Buenos Aires	57	45	c	59	48	pc	57	48	c	58	51	sh
Cairo	104	71	s	102	70	s	100	69	s	96	69	s
Jerusalem	88	62	s	88	62	s	87	60	s	86	60	s
Johannesburg	60	32	s	56	42	c	55	45	r	57	44	r
London	68	52	pc	66	48	c	67	47	pc	68	50	s
Madrid	95	58	s	95	57	pc	95	58	s	87	55	s
Mexico City	76	56	pc	73	57	r	76	54	r	77	54	c
Moscow	86	65	s	89	65	s	87	67	s	80	63	r
Paris	67	48	c	70	55	c	65	54	c	65	53	sh
Rio de Janeiro	68	56	pc	70	58	pc	71	64	pc	74	68	c
Rome	79	62	pc	84	64	s	87	68	s	88	71	pc
San Juan	87	76	c	89	74	pc	86	77	pc	86	75	pc
Seoul	85	70	pc	84	72	pc	82	76	c	79	75	r
Sydney	62	40	s	66	44	s	63	39	c	61	41	pc
Tokyo	82	77	sh	84	77	c	88	79	c	89	77	pc
Toronto	82	61	pc	73	57	pc	79	57	c	78	59	sh
Winnipeg	80	49	pc	76	56	c	78	56	c	77	64	c
Zurich	71	60	c	75	63	c	75	60	r	73	63	r

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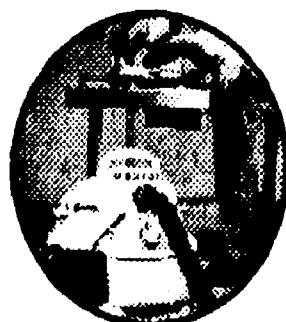
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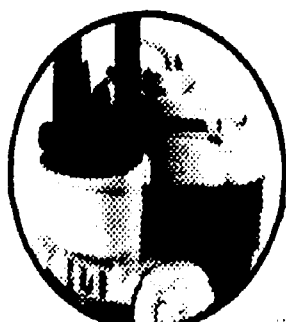
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July 22—HIV Support group
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July 22 at 7:30
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July 24 from 7:30-8:30
 p.m.—A Diabetes Support
 group will meet at Raritan
 Bay Medical Center, Room
 D, fourth floor.

July 29—HIV Support group
 meets at Raritan Bay Medical
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Jefferson House, Lake Hopatcong. This trip includes a boat ride and costs \$46 per person. All trips leave from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations.

August 14 at 8:30 a.m.—The Holy Family Seniors of Carteret will be hosting a trip to Smithville for a lunch, show and shopping, also Taj Mahal Casino (4 hour) package. The bus departs from the VFW Parking Lot, Pershing Avenue, Carteret. Cost is \$45. Make checks payable to Holy Family Holy Name Society. Call Dottie at (732) 541-8506 for reservations.

August 14 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. — Pathfinder Consulting Group announces its popular Mega Job Fair at the Sheraton, 6 Industrial Way (East) and Route 35, Eatontown. Call (732) 542-6500 for more information or log onto www.megajobfair.net.

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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

Pat Benatar On Tour With Neil Giraldo

AREA—The leading female rock vocalist of the '80's, Pat Benatar has been added as a summer attraction at the State Theater and will perform a mix of new material and greatest hits on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 8 p.m.

Her husband, producer/songwriter/guitarist Neil Giraldo, will join her. For almost twenty-five years, Pat Benatar's famous four and a half-octave vocals and Neil Giraldo's distinctive, rising guitar riffs and crunching melodies have gone together like Page and Plant, Daltrey and Townshend, Goffin and

King.

One of the most popular performers in rock, Pat Benatar is also one of the most recognizable and admired. Since the dawn of MTV, songs such as "Hit Me with Your Best Shot," "Invincible," "We Belong," "Love Is A Battlefield," "Hell Is for Children," "Heartbreaker" and "Fire and Ice" became anthems for a new attitude. Of her nine original albums released between 1979 and 1989, seven were certified platinum and two went gold. During that decade, she was nominated nine times for

Grammy Awards for Best Rock Performance (female), winning an unprecedented four Grammy Awards in consecutive years. Benatar has also won three American Music Awards.

Still going strong, Pat Benatar has been married for 20 years to guitarist, songwriter, producer, collaborator and band mate Neil Giraldo. The parents of two daughters, Benatar and Giraldo have been touring almost non-stop for the last two decades.

Tickets for this performance are on sale now. For telephone ticket orders or information, call (732) 246-7469 or toll free at (877) STATE-11 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and Wednesday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Patrons may order tickets online at www.StateTheatreNJ.org or listen to audio clips of both performers.

International Film Festival

AREA—The Union Public library kicks off its 2002 Summer International Film Festival with "Amelie" on Tuesday, July 23. the complete schedule is as follows:

July 23—Amelie (French); July 30—The Day I Became a Woman (Farsi); Aug. 6—Divided We Fall (German/ Czech); Aug. 13—Bread

and Tulips (Italian); Aug. 20—Butterfly (Spanish); and Aug. 27—Chunhyang (Korean).

The films will be shown at 2 and 7 p.m. All films are subtitled in English and admission is free.

For more information, call the Reference Dept. at (908) 851-5450.

State Fair Opens In August

AREA—Longing for the peace of the country and a piece of the country? Want to see animals closer than your car window? In a mood for a day packed full of activities which can be done at a leisure pace? Then the New Jersey State Fair is the place to spend the day.

The New Jersey State Fair, running from Aug. 2-11, has over sixty years of experience providing an old fashioned country fair that still keeps up with the times. Located on permanent fairgrounds off Route 206, in Augusta, its rural setting complements its horse show, livestock shows, carnival, crafts and con-

certs. It offers something for everyone.

Bring the kids to visit the Animal Nursery, the Farm Fun Interactive Building, the Racing Pigs, the Petting Zoo and the carnival rides and games.

For those with an artistic bent, there's the Art Show and Photography Show. Those with green thumbs can visit the quarter acre greenhouse to see the Horticultural and Flower Show and the Vegetable Show, and the adjacent Landscape Design Competition.

Missing the old days? Visit the Home Economics Exhibits in

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Guest Column

Identity Theft Is A Very Real, Very Big Concern

By Dennis Mass

Social Security Manager
in Elizabeth, New Jersey

While every theft is a crime, few thefts are as personal or can cause as many problems as "identity theft."

In an identity theft, someone assumes your identity to get credit in your name and steal from businesses, leaving you with the tab and the explanations.

The problem is a serious one. The numbers are unbelievable: almost 500 people have their

identity stolen in America every day. That's more than 176,000 people each year ... and the number keeps growing. On average, it takes a victim 12 months just to discover the theft. By that time, all kinds of credit and government records can be corrupted.

People can suffer financial loss when wages are garnished, tax refunds are withheld or liens are placed on property — all because someone is using their identity. Also, they may not be given credit, mortgage or education loans,

government benefits, utility services and apartment leases when credit reports and background checks show debts or criminal records — compliments of the identity thief.

For example, in one recent case reported by Social Security's Inspector General, a man assumed another individual's identity for 12 years. He filed for and received Social Security and Supplemental Security Income benefits, ran up huge debts, committed crimes and became a fugitive from justice — all under that stolen identity. When an arrest warrant was issued, the wrong man was arrested and it took him a week to just get out of jail ... and longer to clear up 12 years of jumbled records. Fortunately, in this case, the identity thief was caught, arrested, sentenced to 8 1/2 years

in prison and ordered to pay Social Security back more than \$23,000. But damage had been done.

In one recent study by two California identity theft groups, victims spent an average of 175 hours per incident trying to unravel the problems caused by identity theft. Unfortunately, an identity thief who wants a Social Security number has at times been able to use public birth records to get identifying information. While identity theft is mostly an adult crime, about 2 percent of identity thefts — more than 3,500 per year — involve a child's Social Security number. The thief assumes the identity of the child. It's then very difficult to discover if someone is using a child's Social Security number, so I would urge parents to be on guard for mail that is sent to your child. For example, unsolicited credit cards in your child's name may mean that someone is using your child's number to establish credit.

Here's some advice on how to cut the risk of identity theft. Be careful with your Social Security number and card to prevent their

theft. Show your card to your employer when you start a job, so your records are correct. Then, put it in a safe place — don't carry your card with you. And use good judgment in deciding when and to whom you give your Social Security number.

If you think someone is using either your or your child's Social Security number, call the Social Security Fraud Hotline at 1-800-269-0271 and file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-ID THEFT (438-4338). The Federal Trade Commission puts this information into a database, which is used by law enforcement agencies nationwide to look for thieves and for patterns in identity theft.

To get more information on identity theft, including information about what to do about it and how to work with the credit bureaus, readers can request the following publications, available in English or Spanish, from Social Security — *When Someone Misuses Your Number* or from the Federal Trade Commission — *Identity Theft: When Bad Things Happen To Your Good Name*.

Preparing Today's Students For The World Of Business

AREA — Along with obtaining a good education, success comes from being a strong leader, a creative and critical thinker and an effective communicator. Such skills, however, don't always come naturally. To help ensure that New Jersey businesses are provided with the financial leaders it needs, the New Jersey Society of Certified Public Accountants (NJSCPA) has established The Scholars Institute.

The goal of The Scholars Institute is to provide accounting students with the leadership, interpersonal and other training required by today's business environment. Students benefit by gaining an edge on their competition, while businesses can reap the advantages of hiring new employees who are prepared to make an immediate contribution.

The Scholars Institute will be launched this summer, Aug. 1-3, at Monmouth University. About 50 students from throughout New Jersey are scheduled to attend the free, three-day program.

Funding for the Institute has come from founding partner and platinum sponsor Price-waterhouseCoopers and through the \$1 Million Millennium Scholarship Campaign the NJSCPA completed earlier this year. Monmouth University School of Business Administration, Department of Accountancy/ Business also is serving as program sponsor.

Students enrolled in the program will participate in team-building events, receive training

in business etiquette, learn about the components that make for effective communication and brush up their resume writing and interviewing skills. Each student is either a recipient of a NJSCPA accounting scholarship or a scholarship award nominee.

"Our goal is to provide those students who have already demonstrated a level of success with the training that can help them to make an immediate impact with their first employer and ensure their career success," said Sharon L. Lamont, CPA, immediate past president of the NJSCPA and chair of The Scholars Institute Advisory Board.

"While many people still hold the nation that accounting is just about numbers, there are a range

of skill sets CPAs bring to the world of business. The Scholars Institute is designed to further enhance the value CPAs provide to the businesses and individuals they serve."

It is anticipated that The Scholars Institute will be expanded next year to include high school students. That component of the program would focus on assisting upcoming high school graduates with the career selection process and with making a successful transition to college.

To learn more about The Scholars Institute, visit www.njscpa.org/scholarsinstitute. Information on the NJSCPA Scholarship Fund programs can be found at www.njscpa.org/students.

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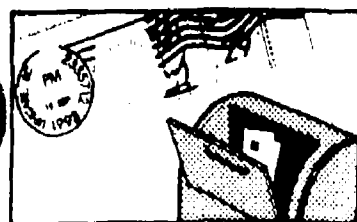
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EDITORIAL



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

James Devine

**Bush to Wall Street: 'Do as I say, not as I do'**

Mark Twain once advised "blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, does not proceed to prove it."

President Bush would have done well if he had taken that sound advice last week, saving himself the scorn heaped on his "get-tough-on-corporate-crime" proposals.

Republicans who cheered a federal court ruling eight years ago that allowed a sitting President to be sued in civil court are having second thoughts now.

A public interest group has named Vice President Dick Cheney in a suit alleging accounting fraud during his tenure as CEO of Halliburton.

Bush's speech was a something like watching smut-publisher Larry Flynt lecturing on the evils of the exploitation of women, or W.C. Fields holding forth on the evils of corn-liquor.

The speech, billed as a major policy address on Bush's corporate-crime agenda, came amidst days of news revelations of the President's own questionable behavior as an executive of Harken Energy.

Stock prices plummeted after Bush's speech.

No sooner had President Bush finished his Wall Street speech than the Virginia-based Judicial Watch, a non-profit public interest group, filed a shareholder lawsuit against Cheney and Halliburton, alleging that what amounted to a clear case of accounting fraud led to shareholder losses.

The lawsuit claims Halliburton overstated revenues by \$445 million from 1999 through the end of 2001.

"Halliburton overstated profits that many American citizens relied upon. That's fraudulent security practices and it resulted in those Americans suffering huge losses," the group's suit alleged.

Observers have openly wondered if some group will sue Bush and his fellow Harken directors for cooking the company's books in 1989 with the sham sale of Aloha Petroleum.

In June 1990, Bush sold his stock after Harken's audit committee learned the company would suffer a \$23 million loss -- but before those findings were made public two months later. Bush sat on Harken's audit committee.

Enron Corporation gave Bush more money throughout his political career than any other contributor.

Enron Corporation PAC, and Enron executives, employees and their family members contributed a total of \$736,800 to Bush from 1993 to 2001. Enron also contributed \$250,000 to the Republican National Convention for its 2000 convention.

From 1989-2001, Enron Corporation PAC, and Enron executives, employees and their family members gave a total of \$4,404,162 to federal Republican candidates and organizations.

Over 50 high-level Bush administration officials have had ties to the now defunct energy company. For example, the Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White worked at Enron for nearly two decades, and he served as vice chairman of Enron Energy Services.

The President's top economic advisor Lawrence B. Lindsey and Trade Representative Robert B. Zoellick served on Enron's advisory board.

Before Bush can put real heat on executives who use creative accounting to scam America's middle class, he has to get his own house in order.

Ferguson Says vs. Ferguson Does

Dear Editor,

The facts are clear: Congressman Mike Ferguson has never voted for a single piece of legislation that would impose criminal penalties on corporate executives who break the law.

Despite that Rep. Ferguson has tried to portray himself as a proponent of legislation to improve corporate accountability. However, a closer look at Ferguson's votes in Congress and fundraising practices tell a decidedly different story.

Ferguson's weekly campaign update quotes the Congressman scolding CEOs. "To corporate CEOs and the accounting firms who audit their companies, let me be very clear. If you violate the public trust, if you flush down the drain the retirement security of millions of Americans, you will and you deserve to go to jail." Ferguson goes on to express his support for "significant jail time" for "executives who commit fraud and lie on company documents, includ-

ing financial records." (Ferguson Campaign Update, 7/10/02).

However, Ferguson's record on corporate accountability is a far cry from his rhetoric. Rep. Ferguson has never once voted for criminal penalties for corporate executives who break the law.

- He voted against an alternative to the Corporate and Auditing Accountability Act that would impose criminal penalties for CEOs who falsify reports and established greater auditing safeguards. (HR 3763, vote #109, 4/24/02; R-0-218; D-204-3; Gannet News Service, 4/24/02).

- Ferguson voted against a pension benefits bill that would limit offshore tax havens when they affect pension plans. Some corporations take advantage of a tax loophole that allows them to re-incorporate overseas in order to avoid paying taxes. (HR 4931, vote #247, 6/21/02).

- He also opposed legislation that would have required independent investment advice for employees with company stock and mandated equal representation of employees and employers on pension boards (HR 3762,

vote #90, 4/11/02; R-1-209; D-185-22).

Ferguson's support for CEOs is no surprise, given the accounting industry's support of his campaign efforts. The Center for Responsive Politics reports that Ferguson has taken \$53,450 from the accounting industry since 2000. This election cycle Ferguson is the second largest recipient of accounting industry money in the entire Congress.

"Mike Ferguson must be the bravest man in the world because it takes a whole lot of courage to vote against corporate accountability and then try and convince your constituents that you're fighting for it," said DCCC spokesperson Kim Rubey. "Apparently \$50,000 has clouded Rep. Ferguson's vision to the extent that he's not sure what side of the issue he's on anymore. But if you're a voter in New Jersey's 7th District, you need look no further than his votes against corporate responsibility."

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For The Children

In a study commissioned by the Department of Health and Human Services, researchers from the University of Washington and some outfit called "the Center for the Child Care Workforce" examined 7,000 households with children age five and younger. They found that nearly one-third of paid child-care workers are relatives of the parents who often lack training and government oversight.

Oh, no! Richard Brandon, co-author of the study, warns: "This is a very critical development phase. (Kids) soak up learning like sponges. We need people appropriately trained to teach them." Folks, he's on to something without federalized care and oversight, how can you know your kids are safe?

Then there's the General Accounting Office's new school lunch program study, which found that food-borne

illnesses have been rising 20 percent a year. They traced the outbreaks back to a bunch of government-issued food-- including hamburgers, milk, strawberries, spaghetti sauce and good old tasty fish sticks.

Part of the problem, according to the GAO, is government's complex regulatory system. Folks, the GAO is onto something with federalized food care and oversight, how can you be sure your kids are safe? Hmmm?

And then there's

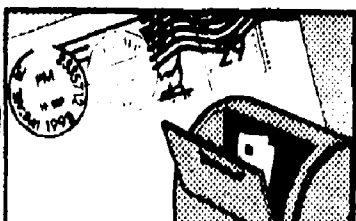
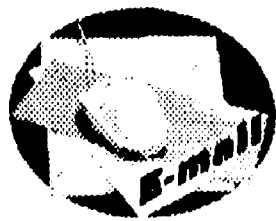
Raisin D'etre

When Arab scholar Suliman Bashear argued that Islam developed gradually as a religion rather than emerging straight from the mouth of the Prophet Mohammed, he was thrown out a second-story window by his students.

So it's fair to say *The New York Times* was brave to write about a German scholar of ancient Semitic languages,

who argues that the Koran has been misread and mistranslated for centuries. Apparently, the earliest copies of the Koran were written without vowels. As they were added, says Christoph Luxenberg (a pseudonym), mistakes were made. For instance, he claims the 72 virgins supposedly waiting in the afterlife as a reward for Islamic martyrs was a mistranslation. According to The Syro-Aramic Reading of the Koran, Luxenberg points out that the world paradise was derived from the Aramic word for garden; all descriptions of paradise portray it as a garden of flowing waters and abundant fruits. Luxenberg says a word written as *hourai*, meaning virgin, is really *hur*, meaning white raisin. That's right, my friends: Islamic martyrs are actually promised, not 72 virgins, but 72 "white raisins."

Someone should get the word out, or not.



EDITORIAL

Readers Commentary



Does AARP Make A Difference?

What do you think of when you see the letters AARP? The first thing comes to mind for most people is an organization of senior citizens whose agenda is to promote the good and welfare of our senior population.

If you were with us on Thursday, June 13 in the assembly hall of the state capitol you would have discovered this is only partially correct.

A bus load of senior citizens departed from Colonia to the state capitol for the purpose of informing our legislators the issues that concern most Americans, young and old.

That day a bill outlawing



predatory home lending practices was to come before the assembly for a vote.

The legislators recognized our presence (a follow up from our "Day at The Capitol") and voted after we departed.

The bill was passed protect-

ing the young and old. Did we make a difference? Look at the photo and you decide.

George Vassillades

AARP

Middlesex County

Advocate Coordinator

Thanks For Your Support

Dear Editor,

On behalf of this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life committee, I would like to thank the residents of Middlesex County for their generosity and support. More than 300 people participated in the Relay For Life event at The Club at Woodbridge this year, raising nearly \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and patient services.

I applaud the more than survivors that kicked-off the Relay by participating in the opening survivor recognition lap. They are the reason we continue the fight and it reminds us all of how important early detection truly is.

A special thanks to the many volunteers who worked to make these events a success. The Relay For Life committee did an outstanding job of pulling the community together and we would not have been able to do it without them.

We also appreciate the generosity of this year's sponsors for their contributions and participa-

tion in this year's Relay For Life.

Again, thank you for supporting the American Cancer Society and remember, it's not too early to become involved in Relay For Life for next year. To find out how, contact your local American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345.

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

What's the big deal about E-Z Pass? That's what someone asked me recently. They said that they liked the electronic toll collection system and couldn't figure out what all the fuss was about.

Well, to be honest, I like E-Z Pass too. And I suspect that a great many other motorists do as well. What's not to like? No more reaching for money at every toll barrier. Or for some, no more lifting the floor mats to look for loose change to pay the toll. No matter how you phrase it, for many E-Z Pass has moved traffic through toll barriers more efficiently. And any thing that moves traffic faster in our congestion plagued state is generally considered a win. But as

with any good deal, it's always important to read the fine print. And the fine print on E-Z Pass is disturbing. For example, there are thousands of motorists with valid and paid up E-Z Pass accounts who nonetheless get violation notices from the E-Z Pass violations processing center.

Or how about the fact that these erroneous violations may be due to the fact that the electronics of E-Z Pass may have not been installed correctly? Or what about the fact that the prime contractor selected for E-Z Pass had no experience whatsoever in installing an electronic toll collection system. And finally, what about the issue of how is E-Z Pass going to be paid for?

All of these issues are the fine print of E-Z Pass. When E-Z Pass was first proposed as a "self-financing" system I was one of the

few voices in the legislature that expressed reservations about the Whitman Administration's numbers. They proposed to finance it through money collected from toll violators. Aside from the fact that the proposition was insulting - that New Jersey drivers wouldn't be bright enough to figure out that it was cheaper to pay a toll rather than violate and pay a penalty - the proposition was ludicrous. Under the original proposal, more than 24 million motorists would have to violate the tolls and pay their fines in order for the "self-financing" scheme to work. That mean that every resident of the State of New Jersey - including my four year old daughter - would have to violate the tolls three times and pay.

Well, time has proven what we suspected back then. That "self-financing" doesn't work. Maybe

Exploring Treatment Resource In NJ

Dear Editor:

Recent new stories about New Jersey residents who leave our state for cancer treatments highlights a choice faced by New Jersey cancer patients: Seek treatment in-state or travel to other regional hospitals? The Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ), along with The Dean and Betty Gallo Prostate Cancer Center (GPCC), has seen phenomenal growth over recent years in cancer treatment options available within our state.

Today, New Jersey residents obtain world-class cancer treatment without leaving New Jersey. In a very short period of time, CINJ (<http://cinj.umdnj.edu/>) has obtained the prestigious status of National Cancer Institute designated comprehensive cancer center. It delivers outstanding care, conducts cutting-edge research,

participates in clinical trials and experimental therapies, and provides cancer prevention education. Affiliates deliver care in many communities statewide.

At CINJ/GPCC, we've exceeded expectations for numbers of patients treated, and a resulting expansion of our New Brunswick headquarters will be completed in December 2003. New clinic space will accommodate 80,000 patient visits per year. In maintaining a New Jersey cancer institute of extraordinary quality, we ease cancer's toll by helping patients remain near their families and doctors.

We urge New Jersey residents to explore cancer prevention and treatment resources available here.

Betty Gallo

Director of Public Outreach

and Public Relations

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New Brunswick

Save Waterway Perimeters

Dear Editor,

Take a drive around New Jersey's reservoirs and you'll witness some surrounding acreage still in its natural state. At least that's how I imagined it until earlier this year when For Sale signs began sprouting up, particularly by the Spruce Run reservoir perimeter adjacent to Route 31.

"What a mistake," I thought, "to build so near to our precious water source." Wasn't there a conflict of interest here what with the creation of more pollution, erosion and the easier access granted to someone bent on contaminating our watershed?

Buffer zones have long been recommended to give our waterways a chance to defer the toxic assault we've created from non-point origin-fertilizers, pesticides; motor vehicle residue on our roadways.

Governor James E. McGreevey should sign the bill recently passed by the Assembly which would preserve these lands thus ensuring that both the body of water and the reservoirs' vulnerable dams will continue to have a small, yet significant security blanket against would-be terrorists.

Pete Wagner

Colonia

that's why no other state or agency in the nation even tried it. So now, long after the people who dreamed up this system have skipped town, someone has to pay for it. Current estimates are that the E-Z Pass system will have a \$469 million debt by the year 2008. Unless the flow of red ink is stopped, that number will only grow. Unless something is done now, New Jersey motorists or taxpayers will be faced with a huge bill in just a few years.

Governor McGreevey has announced steps to fix the E-Z Pass mess.

The Governor has fired World Com, the E-Z Pass contractor now on the verge of bankruptcy and hired ACS Systems, a subsidiary of Lockheed Martin, to fix the E-Z Pass system. This work will go a long way to ending the flood of erroneous violation notices. The

Governor also announced the imposition of a \$1 per month "membership fee." I am not thrilled by the prospect of imposing a fee on motorists but what is clear is that the looming debt needs to be paid for. It would not be fair to charge all motorists for the E-Z Pass debt because not all motorists are E-Z Pass users. And it would not be fair to use General Revenues from the State Treasury for similar reasons.

E-Z Pass as a concept is wonderful. In its execution in New Jersey it leaves a lot to be desired. One of the reasons it doesn't work as planned is because the Whitman Administration refused to acknowledge that it would cost money - instead embracing a fairy tale financing scheme. One sure way to fix the problems that plague the system is to put it on a firm financial footing.

YOUR LOCAL NEWS

NEWS

Newspaper Wins Award

METUCHEN The official newspaper of the Diocese of Metuchen won four awards, including overall excellence from the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada, or CPA.

The newspaper was created in 1996. It also won second place Best Editorial on a local issue, second place on an international or national issue, and an honorable mention for Best Front.

Edison Student
Named To Syracuse University

EDISON—Jaime Muhlgeier of Edison, a senior enrolled in Syracuse University's School of Education was named to the Dean's List for the 2002 spring semester. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Muhlgeier is majoring in elementary and special education.

The School of Education at Syracuse University prepares students to become professional

educators by effectively blending research, teaching and service into the curriculum. Students benefit from a wide range of opportunities to perfect their professional skills in on-campus clinics and off-campus student teaching assignments. Nationally prominent researchers and scholars and innovative professional programs have placed Syracuse University among the top-ranked education schools in the country.

Edison Teenager Wins VFW Scholarship

EDISON—Kristen Corno, 16, of Edison, was honored as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Junior Girls Scholarship national winner on June 27.

Kristen, daughter of Ralph (Army veteran) and Gloria Corno, is a member of the Junior Girls Unit sponsored by Leonard Sexton Memorial Auxiliary #6590, Cookstown. With her achievement she receives a \$7,500 scholarship,

a jacket and a special tour of Washington, D.C. with other Auxiliary scholarship winners.

Junior Girls are daughters, foster daughters, stepdaughters, granddaughters, sisters, half sisters, foster sisters or stepsisters of persons eligible for the VFW. The Units, which are sponsored by the Auxiliary, assist with numerous activities such as marching in parades, serving meals at special din-

ners, volunteering in nursing homes and working on Buddy Poppy campaigns.

Kristen has been honored twice before as the New Jersey Junior Girls Unit Queen. The prior honor, based on community service Americanism projects and work with senior citizens, included a \$500 award which Kristen donated to

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"Rock For A Cure II" Benefit Concert

METUCHEN—Over 500 high school students filled the auditorium of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen for a concert organized by students to benefit the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute, an affiliate of Solaris Health System. "Rock For A Cure II" raised nearly \$3,900 for Children's Neurological Center at the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute.

Local bands Red Line Special, Tag You're it, Carnapple, Self-Denial, Divinity Destroyed, Mudbox and 54 Vision volunteered their time and talent for this benefit concert. Students came to see these bands perform many different types of music, from punk to heavy metal.

"A lot of young people came out to see the show and help out a good cause," said Dan McDonough, concert organizer and a junior at St. Joseph's High School. "Thank you to St. Joseph's administration, particularly, Brother Dennis Wermert, Ms. Bergin and Ms. Preditis for all their help coordinating the concert and help in raising close



ROCK FOR A CURE—John McDonough (third from L.) presents a donation of \$3,900, proceeds from "Rock For A Cure II" to Joseph Landolfi, D.O., assistant professor of neurology/neuro-oncology, of the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute. Also pictured from (L.-R.) are John Nolan, Senior Vice President of the Solaris Foundation, John McDonough, D.M.D., Chairperson of the JFK Medical Center Foundation Board and member of the Solaris Health System and JFK Medical Center Boards of Directors; Dan McDonough; Joseph Landolfi, D.O.; Brother Dennis Wermert, administrator at St. Joseph's High School; and Raymond J. Curcio, D.D.S., member of the JFK Medical Center Board of Directors.

to \$3,900 for the New Jersey Neuroscience Institute."

The New Jersey Neuroscience Institute at JFK Medical Center is a comprehensive facility designed exclusively for the diagnosis, treatment and research of complex neurological disorders in adults and children,

including stroke. Services offered at the Institute include a comprehensive sleep disorder clinic and laboratory, programs in dizziness and balance disorders, epilepsy, spine and brain tumors, cerebral palsy, stroke and movement disorders.

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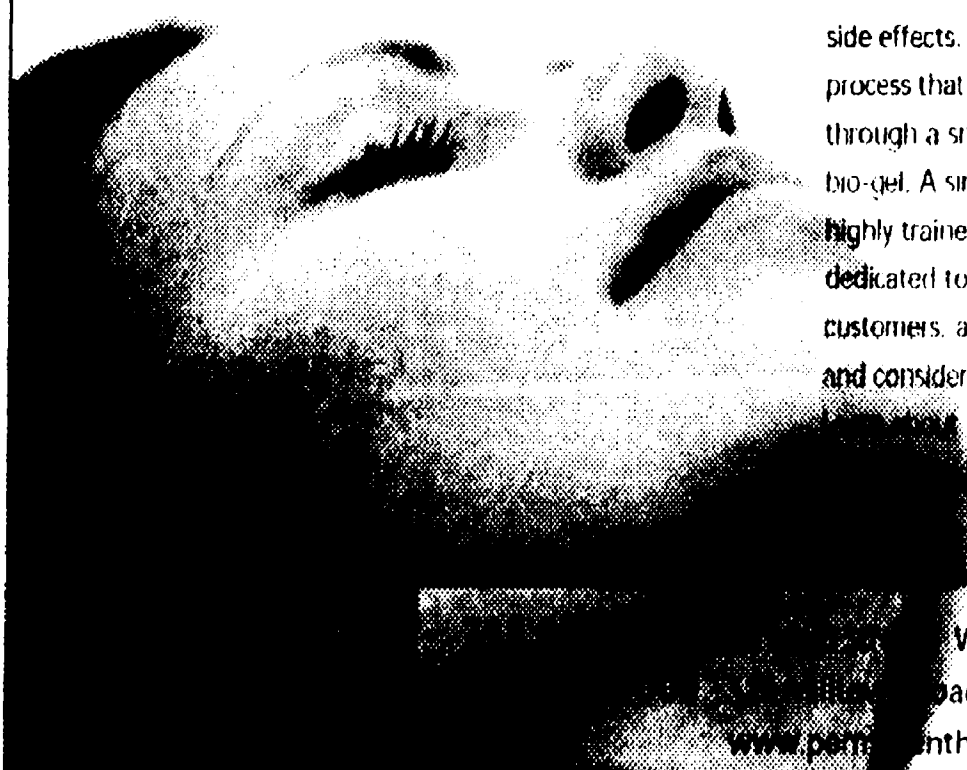
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Edison Teenager Wins VFW Scholarship continued...

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Operation Uplink. Since the program began in 1996, Operation Uplink, a VFW program, has provided more than 7.5 million minutes of free long-distance calling cards to hospitalized veterans and active-duty military personnel and their families. Since Sept. 11, Operation Uplink has delivered more than 250,000 free phone cards to troops serving around the world.

As Unit President last year, Kristen planned activities and trips for her Unit and spent about eight hours a week on Junior Girls events. Some of her favorite activities include visiting hospitalized veterans and dressing up as the Supreme Military Order of the Cootie Auxiliary Junior Clown at parties and carnivals.

School demands most of Kristen's time; she carries a 3.8 grade point average. More than 20 hours of her week go toward music. She has held first chair as tenor saxophone player in several groups and takes private lessons. The demanding schedule meant that she had to give up cheerleading.

"Once she commits to an activity, event or charity," wrote band director Todd Nichols, "she gives 101 percent at all times."

When she was five years old, Kristen joined the Girl Scouts; after her troop disbanded, she maintained her scouting as an Independent Scout, motivating herself to achieve patches.

She must somehow make room for her part-time job as a teacher for the Edison Township Flag, Cheerleading and Twirling program, in which she previously partici-

pated.

Pamela Bucci, Kristen's former teacher and current supervisor at the recreation department, says this about her: "Perhaps the most helpful and most important characterization I can make of Kristen is that she is a decent, compassionate and caring person. She doesn't act this way because she thinks it's the right thing to do but rather out of a genuine concern for other people."

Kristen plans to pursue a military career and attend West Point Military Academy, where she hopes to get a chance to perform overseas for troops with the school's distinguished performing group.

National President Diana Stout and VFW Commander-in-Chief Jim Goldsmith present first-place award to Kristen Corno from Edison at the Community Service Conference April 4-6 with other Auxiliary scholarship winners.

The Ladies Auxiliary VFW offers two scholarships for outstanding Junior Girls aged 13-16. A \$10,000 and \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded in 2002-03 to girls who excel scholastically, are actively involved in Junior Girls Units, and are leaders at their schools. Student Deadline in December 15.

Applicant must be 13-16 years old, have been an active member for one year and have held an office in her Junior Girls Unit. Previous winners are not eligible. Scholarship winners will be judged on the following point system: Junior Unit Activities 40 Points, School Activities 30 Points and Scholastic Grade 30 Points. Judges also will consider the neatness and creativity used in completing the

Menendez Announces HUD Grant For Perth Amboy

"HUD programs, such as CDBG and HOME, not only provide housing and community revitalization, but also expand and increase economic opportunities for residents throughout our community,"

PERTH AMBOY—Rep. Bob Menendez (NJ-13), Vice Chair of the Democratic Caucus, has announced that Perth Amboy will receive two grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) totaling \$1,370,000. The grants include funding from the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG) in the amount of \$872,000 and the HOME Investment Partnership program (HOME) in the amount of \$498,000. The grants were awarded as part of Perth Amboy's Fiscal Year 2002 Consolidated Plan.

"HUD programs, such as CDBG and HOME, not only

provide housing and community revitalization, but also expand and increase economic opportunities for residents throughout our community," said Menendez. "Through today's funding, Perth Amboy will be able to continue its progress and provide its citizens with benefits such as senior citizen assistance, youth activities, and housing rehabilitation."

The HUD HOME Program seeks to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing, particularly rental housing, for very low-income and low-income families and to extend and strengthen partnerships among all lev-

els of government and the private sector, including for-profit and nonprofit organizations, in the production and operation of affordable housing.

The City of Perth Amboy Consolidated Plan will benefit low- to moderate-income persons and address homeless needs though the provision of public services, public facilities and improvement, senior citizen assistance, young children and youth activities, and substantial rehabilitation and other rehabilitation of housing.

"Safe and secure homes and communities provide a brighter future for all our residents. I look forward to continuing my work with HUD to secure further funding for our communities and to help every resident to achieve the American Dream" concluded Menendez.

Plays In The Park Presents: Crazy For You

EDISON—Middlesex County's historic summer theater, Plays-In-The-Park, announced the second show of their 40th season of musicals. *Crazy For You* will open Wednesday, July 24 and play through Saturday, Aug. 3, every night except Sunday, July 28.

Crazy For You has music by George and Ira Gershwin and a wonderfully funny book by Ken ("Lend Me A Tenor) Ludwig. Based on the 40's hit musical "Girl Crazy," the show is chock full of tap-dancing, sight gags and marvelous

music that includes: "Someone to Watch Over Me," "I Got Rhythm" and "They Can't Take That Away From Me."

Admission is only \$3 for adults; children 12 and under are admitted free. The box office opens at 5:30 p.m. on the day of performances. Audience members must bring a low-back lawn chair, which they may place on the lawn area immediately after purchasing a ticket.

The theater, formerly known as the Roosevelt Park Amphitheater and now called the Stephen J. Capestro theater

is located in Roosevelt Park, Edison—just one block south of the Menlo Park Mall on Route 1. Take the Grandview Avenue turn off and the Park Rangers will guide you to a parking spot.

The Theater is handicapped accessible.

For further information or questions, call the theater between the hours of 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday, (732) 548-2884 or check the information on the Theater's website www.playsinthepark.com.

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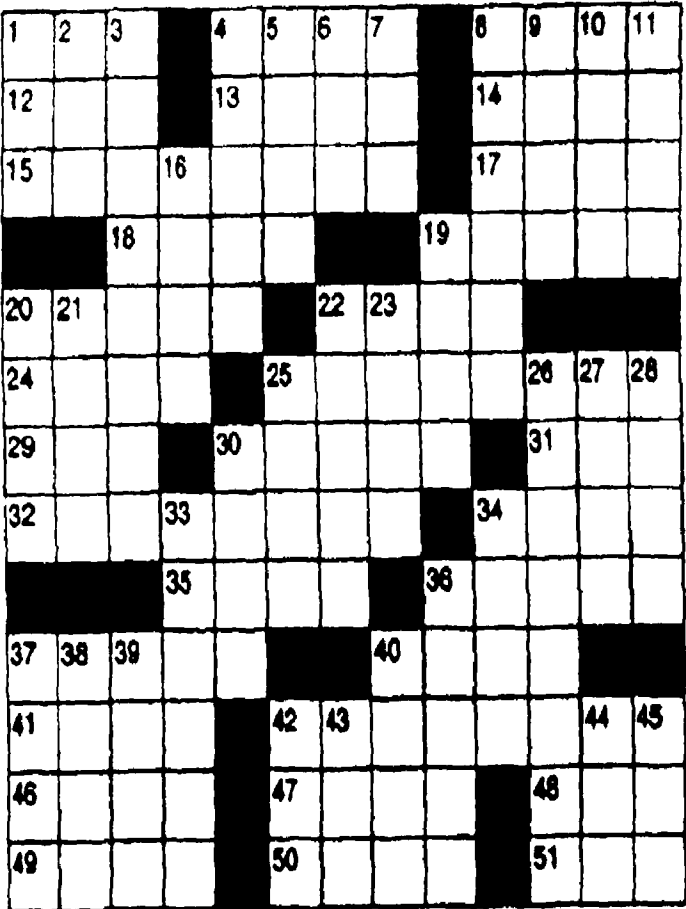
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- 18 Colleague
- 19 Song-and-dance props
- 20 Hold-up man?
- 22 Get bigger
- 24 Muppet saxophonist
- 25 Farm acreage
- 29 Grecian vessel
- 30 Employs UPS
- 31 "The — of Pooh"



- 32 Brewery creation
- 34 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- 35 Noble one
- 36 Hate
- 37 Grand setup
- 40 Shaving-cream additive
- 41 String instrument
- 42 Fly low, as in a crop duster
- 46 Ignore
- 47 Opera song
- 48 Mined-over matter

- 49 Laundry
- 50 Fill till full
- 51 "Wham!"

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- 3 William Boyd role
- 4 Banana eater's castoffs
- 5 Auto race, for short
- 6 Old French coin
- 7 Cleo's slayer
- 8 Spread out
- 9 Collateral, perhaps
- 10 Ms. Archer
- 11 Household members
- 16 Street map
- 19 Police officers, slangily
- 20 Blue, in Barcelona
- 21 Spelling of "...90210"
- 22 Barbecue
- 23 Hitchcock tour de force
- 25 Burn some
- 26 1957 Danny & the Juniors hit
- 27 Peace-keeping org.
- 28 Opening
- 30 Collar insert
- 33 Checkup concern
- 34 Reed instrument
- 36 Swimming pool problem
- 37 Acknowledge
- 38 "Green Mansions" girl
- 39 French kings
- 40 Mine entrance
- 42 Owns
- 43 Historic period
- 44 Acapulco gold
- 45 Church seat

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The SOAPS

ALL MY CHILDREN

After examining Roger, David told Leo he might have to delay his wedding to Greenlee. Later, Leo was thrown by Greenlee's talk of having children. Trey feared Jackson might ruin his scheme. Alice, Kendall's (adoptive) mother, visited Erica for information on Ryan's whereabouts. Maggie was intrigued by Tim. After shots were fired at the Valley Inn, Anna recalled Vanessa's warning about Wolfe. Wait to See: Tad searches for Maria. David has bad news.

AS THE WORLD TURNS

Barbara and Marshall moved ahead with their plans. Lucy lied to Craig. Henry and Katie were stunned by what they found. Craig was furious over Rosanna's new investment. Holden and Abigail got news about Molly. Wait to See: John offers a diagnosis. Abigail and Chris clear the air.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL

C.J. hired Bridget to work at Spectra. Meanwhile, Thorne, Rick and Amber reeled when Ridge announced that thanks to Massimo, he now owned Spectra Fashions. Just as

Stephanie counseled Brooke to give up her dependency on men, Deacon arrived to see his new baby. Erica told Rick she buys her clothes from the TeleSave Network, prompting him to suggest they sell the Ambrosia line on TV as the only way to keep Forrester from being destroyed by Spectra. Wait to See: Brooke faces a new challenge.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES

A government agent questioned Belle and Shawn about the young couple from the asteroid. John kept an important fact from Marlena. A disguised Billie followed Bo and Hope. Philip saw Brady and Chloe together in her hospital bed. Sami tried to keep Brandon away from Lexie. Jack and Bo teamed up to investigate Colin. Tony had a secret reason for seeing Marlena. Wait to See: Shawn and Belle try to communicate with the "aliens." Everyone gathers for the reading of Stefano's will.

GENERAL HOSPITAL

Jason rescued Elizabeth from the crypt, but Zander was still inside when it exploded. Carly told Sonny she embezzled the money from the club to pay for fertility treatments. To Carly's chagrin, Jason later told Sonny that Alexis was pregnant. Despite Felicia's warnings, Roy refused to back out of his purchase of Pier 52. Felicia later covered for Roy when Jason probed the source of Roy's cash windfall. Wait to See: Skye confronts Edward. A.J. grows closer to Courtney.

GUIDING LIGHT

Rick's condition grew increasingly worse. Blake was injured in the line of fire. Olivia set out to expose Beth's past. Reva realized she was making a life-or-death decision. Wait to See: Olivia reacts to Alan's act of charity. Edmund creates a problem for himself. Danny faces the complicated matter of the family's finances.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE

Troy responded to Blair's seduction attempts with medical advice. Later, Blair told

Addie she planned to reunite Nora and Sam. Ben awoke from his coma and called out Viki's name. Tea told Ross about her history with Todd. Claire pressured Gabrielle to pay off Al's hospital bills. Antonio proposed to Keri. Meanwhile, Rae hoped she could get through her award ceremony unscathed. Wait to See: Ben recalls something important. Rae is exposed. "Viki" (Niki) deals with Bo.

PASSIONS

After Toto saved Timmy and Julian from "sure death," Timmy found the Demon's Horn. Unaware that Nick rigged the race car to explode at a certain speed, Brian reassured Diana (Sheridan) that it was safe to drive. A guilt-wracked Ethan watched as Theresa received the lethal injection. Later, as Theresa lay in state in the Crane Mansion, Pilar found the tape showing Ethan shooting Julian. Wait to See: Sheridan's memory returns as she holds onto a badly injured Brian. Tabitha fears for Timmy's life as he heads home to Harmony.

PORT CHARLES

Jack comforted a devastated Alison after Rafe told her that Livvie was carrying his child. Someone watched with great interest as Jamal described the "shadow man." Meanwhile, the "shadow" helped save Karen from a mugger, and then fled when Ricky finished off the thug. Karen later reacted to Jamal's photo of the "shadow man." Later, Jamal thought he had come face-to-face with Casey. Wait to See: Kate and Ian team up. Livvie lives in fear. Jack gives Rafe a history lesson.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS

Victor told Nikki he visited his former wives to learn what went wrong with his marriages, so that he wouldn't repeat the same mistakes "next time." He then proposed to Nikki, who said she would give him her answer in two weeks. Phyllis packed her suitcase after Jack said Diane was staying on. Ashley realized the chemotherapy was causing her to lose her hair. Neil was unaware that Juice was "sizing him up." Jill tried to talk Warton out of accepting Kay's invitation to live in the garage apartment. Wait to See: Raul faces a crisis.

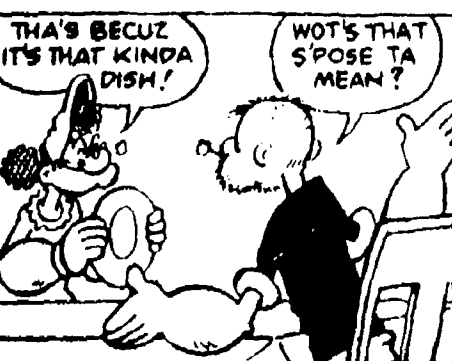
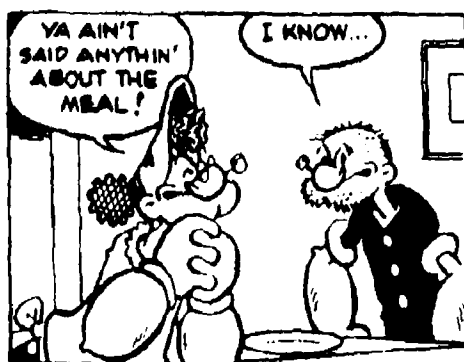
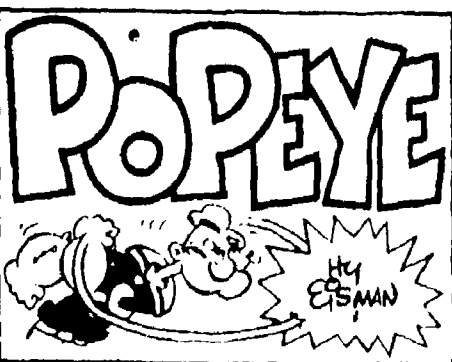
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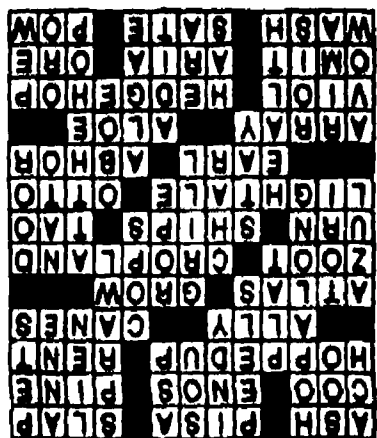
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Key to Puzzle



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YOUR ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT NEWS

TERRI'S DATING Trips

An Evening at the Callicoon Saloon

Because my life was changed due to an encounter at the Callicoon Saloon two years ago, I decided that I probably should return there. A stranger had changed my life and did not even realize it. I felt compelled to at least try to find him (thinking he could be my soul mate). Thus, I recruited my brother and his wife to accompany me to our



favorite place to play pool.

After we finished our games of pool, we went out to the bar. After a little while, a man entered carrying peacock feathers! His name was Jim, and he wanted to sell the feathers. At that moment, I surveyed the situation. There were approxi-

mately eight people sitting at the bar. I got their attention and stated, "We're auctioning off peacock feathers! Can we have a starting bid?" They did not respond and perhaps were accustomed to peacock feather sales occurring in the bar. After chatting with the bartender, Jim went to his truck and returned with all his feathers. The bartender took the feathers and said he would keep them there for individuals wishing to purchase them. Jim left, and I wondered if this was his premiere source of income. I wonder if he has a complete monopoly on peacock feathers in the Catskills.

The next afternoon I returned to the Saloon and asked the bartender if I could buy a peacock feather. He looked at me as if I

was crazy! He was sizing me up and down, perhaps for evidence of insanity? At that point, however, a resident stated that Peacock Jim had been at the bar the evening before and left some feathers. Thank you, Mr. Saloon resident, for verifying my sanity. That was a close call! Well, the bartender could not locate the feathers, so I had to leave town without my souvenir.

All in all, my return to the Callicoon Saloon was a success. Although I did not find the man I was looking for, I met some new folks whom I will never forget. If I ever decide to move back to the Catskills, I wonder if Peacock Jim is considered to be one of the best eligible bachelors around.

State Fair Opens continued

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baking, canning and needlework. Watch the milking in the Milking Parlor and stroll through the Agricultural Museum. Stop by the Tractor Pulls.

Looking for entertainment? The Fair has professional and amateur. This year the Fair features Brad Paisley in concert with Tammy Cochran, comedian Jeff Foxworthy and Mike Albert in The Ultimate Elvis Tribute, as well as two demolition derbies. For hours, admission and special packages, call for information at (973) 948-5500 or visit the website at www.newjerseystate-fair.org.

Horoscopes



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects favor socializing with family and friends, but an irksome workplace situation could intrude. No use grumbling, Lamb. Just do it, and then get back to the fun times.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There's still time for you Ferdinands and Fernandas to relax and sniff the roses. But a major work project looms and will soon demand much of your attention through the 23rd.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your enthusiasm persuades even the toughest doubters to listen to what you're proposing. But don't push too hard, or you'll push them away. Moderate for best results.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your energy levels are rising, and you feel you can handle anything the job requires. That's great. But don't isolate yourself. Keep your door open to your workplace colleagues.

LEO (July 23 August 22) A

workplace change could lead to that promotion you've been hoping for. But you'll have to face some tough competition before the Lion can claim his or her share of the goodies.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your rigidity regarding a difficult workplace situation could be the reason your colleagues aren't rushing to your assistance. Try being more flexible in your demands.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) That uneasy mood could be your Libran inner voice reminding you that while it's great to be with your new friends, you need to take care not to ignore your old ones.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A sudden spate of criticism could shake the Scorpion's usually high sense of self-confidence. Best advice: You made a decision you believed in — now defend it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your reluctance to help restart a stalled relationship could be traced to unre-

solved doubts about your partner's honesty. Rely on a trusted friend's advice.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) The capricious Sea Goat is torn between duty and diversion. Best advice: Do both. Tend to your workaday chores, then go out and enjoy your well-earned fun time.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Cutting back on some of your activities for a few days helps restore your energy levels. You should be feeling ready to tackle your many projects early next week.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A co-worker might be secretly carping about your work to mutual colleagues. But associates will come to your defense, and the situation will ultimately work to your advantage.

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OBITUARIES

M. Agnes Petrangeli of Fords

M. Agnes Petrangeli of Fords died July 7 from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Interstate 95 in Walterboro, S.C. She was 37.

Born in Trenton, she was a lifelong resident of Yardley, Pa., until moving to Fords seven years ago.

She graduated in 1982 from Pennsbury High School in Pennsbury, Pa.

She was a purchasing agent with the New Jersey National Guard in the U.S. Property and Fiscal Office. She also worked part time at the Harley-Davidson Shop in Edison.

Surviving are her mother, M. Patricia (Moore) Petrangeli of Morrisville, Pa.; her father, Angelo T. Petrangeli of Newtown, Pa.; a brother, Angelo T. Petrangeli Jr. of Morrisville, Pa.; two sisters, Ruth Anne Grosse of Wrightstown, Pa., and Meg Petrangeli of Lawrenceville; her companion, Wayne Temple of Ford; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Beatrice Russo, 89 of Edison

Ms. Beatrice Russo of Edison died July 11 in JFK Medical Center, Edison. She was 89.

Born in Newark, she lived in Edison for the past 25 years.

Ms. Russo was a dressmaker for Cafano Clothes in Newark for many years before retiring 30 years ago.

Surviving are a brother, Joseph, and a sister, Lena Dispenziere.

Peggy J. Sisko, 80 of Carteret

Mr. Peggy J. Sisko of Carteret died July 6 at her home. She was 80.

Born in Fayette County, Pa., she lived in Carteret for the past 48 years.

Mrs. Sisko was a parishioner of St. Joseph's R.C. Church in Carteret. She was a member of the Catholic Daughters of America Court Fidelis 636 in Carteret and a member of Deborah.

Her husband, Zoltan Sisko, died in 2001.

Surviving are a son, Zoltan L. Sisko of Somerset; a grandson, Alexander Sisko of Somerset, and her brother, John Hunyady of Michigan.

Dolores R. Fogarty of Sayreville

Mrs. Dolores R. Fogarty of Wall (formerly of Sayreville) died July 7 at Jersey Shore Medical Center in Neptune. She was 72.

Born in Shenandoah, Pa., she moved to Sayreville. She moved to Toms River when she retired in 1993 and then moved to Sunrise of Wall in 2001.

She was a personnel director, and worked at several steel mills in New Jersey, including New Jersey Steel, Qualex Corporation and Campbell Foundry. She traveled on business extensively during her tenure at Qualex.

Her husband, James, died in 1997.

Surviving are her two sons, James and Robert; a brother, Richard Paleskie, and five grandchildren.

Marjorie Hale, 85 Councilwoman's Mother

CARTERET Marjorie Hale, 85, the mother of Carteret Borough Council President Janet Santoro, died at home on Thursday, July 11.

Carteret Councilman Ron Rios said, "She was an extremely very sweet woman. Mine and my family's condolences go out to Mrs. Hale's family."

Born in White Plains, N.Y., and a resident there until moving to Carteret eight years ago, Mrs. Hale was a switchboard operator for St. Agnes Hospital in White Plains, N.Y., for many years before retiring.

She was a parishioner of Holy Family R.C. Church in Carteret. She was a member of the Carteret Seniors' Afternoon and Evening groups.

Her husband was the late Ivan J. Hale. She was also predeceased by a brother, Louis Goodman.

Mrs. Hale is survived by a son, Louis Hale of DeLeon Springs, Fla.; two daughters, Councilwoman Santoro and Kathleen Small of White Plains, N.Y.; a brother, John Goodman of New York; eight grandchildren, Ed, Stacey, Heather, John, Allison, Chris, Kacie and Jennie, and three great-grandchildren.

Leonard Giacalone of Colonia

Mr. Leonard Giacalone of Whiting (formerly of Colonia) died July 11 in Community Medical Center, Toms River. He was 77.

Born in Newark, he lived in Colonia before moving to Whiting.

Mr. Giacalone was a salesman at Valley Fair Appliance Center in Irvington for many years.

He was a member and past president of the Twentieth Century Club in Newark.

Surviving are a son, Philip; daughters, Jay Giacalone-Butterfield and Carolyn; brothers, Vinnie and Andy; a sister, Cora, and four grandchildren.

Stella A. Bonkowski of Sayreville

Mr. Stella A. (Krolik) Bonkowski of Sayreville died July 7 at home. She was 83.

She lived in Sayreville for most of her life.

Mrs. Bonkowski was employed as a seamstress for Wilshire Coat Co., South River for 20 years, retiring 25 years ago.

She was a member of the Sayreville Senior Citizens.

Her husband, Leon Bonkowski, died in 1981.

Surviving are two daughters, Rita Kurzawa of Sayreville, and Mary Barnes of Atlantic Highlands; a son, Leo Bonkowski of Sayreville; two brothers, Peter Krolik of Parlin, and Victor Krolik of California; two sisters, Julia Olszewski of Parlin, and Nancy Krolik of Parlin; six grandchildren, Renee Delduca, Rachael Kurzawa, Laurie Scheaffer, Marlene Penland, Patrick Bonkowski and Connor Bonkowski, and three great-grandchildren, John Delduca, Jessica Deluca, and Glen Schaffer Jr.

Leon G. Franco, 76 of Perth Amboy

Mr. Leon Gabriel Franco of the Dominican Republic, died July 6 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 76.

Born in the Dominican Republic, he lived in Perth Amboy before moving back to the Dominican Republic 14 years ago.

He was a custodian at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy for six years.

Prior to that he worked at the Fedder's Air Conditioning Corporation in Edison for 15 years.

His sister, Roselita Batista, is deceased.

Surviving are his wife, Juana (Vargas) Franco of Perth Amboy; his children, Luz Franco of Lynbrook, N.Y., Diego of the Dominican Republic, Rafael, Maria Ines, Juan, Ramon P., Ramon A., Luciano, and Miguel Franco, all of Perth Amboy; 27 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

John Novak, 88 of Edison

Mr. John Novak of Edison died July 8 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy Division. He was 88.

Born in Perth Amboy, he moved to Edison 48 years ago.

He was employed as a machine operator for National Lead Industries in Sayreville for 42 years before retiring in 1972.

Mr. Novak was a semiprofessional boxer under the name Kid Kansas in his younger years.

He was president of the Central Jersey Archers in Edison.

Three brothers, Steven, Joseph and Thomas, are deceased.

Surviving are his wife of 61 years, Mary Hefler Novak; a daughter, Rita Novakowski of Edison; a sister, Bertha Zengaro of Elizabeth, and several nieces and nephews.

Stacia Kerzetski, 85 of Perth Amboy

Mrs. Stacia Kerzetski of Fairfield, Conn., and Las Vegas, Nev., (formerly of Perth Amboy) died July 7 at St. Vincent's Hospital in Bridgeport, Conn. She was 85.

Born in Perth Amboy, she lived most of her life in Perth Amboy before moving to Fairfield, Conn. eight years ago.

She was also a part-time resident of Las Vegas, where she maintained a winter home.

She retired in 1984 after 15 years at Revlon Corp. in Edison. She also worked for the Perth Amboy Board of Education as a cafeteria worker for several years.

Mrs. Kerzetski was a member of Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Assumption in Perth Amboy.

Her husband, Charles Kerzetski, died in 1974; and a granddaughter, Dana Kerzetski, is also deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Charlotte Hurley of Fairfield, Conn.; three sons, Charles J. Kerzetski and Richard R. Kerzetski, both of Las Vegas, and Gerald K. Kerzetski of Marlton; two sisters, Helen Maslak of Pennsylvania and Sonia Kochbarski of Forked River; 14 grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Jamie Jarusiewicz, a student at Sayreville War Memorial High School, was named first runner-up and received \$1,500. She plans to attend Lafayette College in Pennsylvania.

The foundation awards scholarships to students who demonstrate academic achievement and leadership qualities through documented involvement in school and/or community activities from tenth grade on and who have been accepted by a college or university.

The Crabiel Foundation Scholarship fund has awarded over \$40,000 to qualifying students in the ten years of its existence. The fund is named for Middlesex County Freeholder Director David B. Crabiel.

High Profile Wedding

MIDDLESEX COUNTY—On June 22, there was a high-profile wedding for a Democratic couple in central New Jersey.

At West Orange's Pleasantdale Chateau on Saturday evening, State Sen. Barbara Buono married Dr. Martin Gizzi, a Millburn neurologist. Gizzi and his two young daughters will be residing at Buono's Metuchen home with her four children.

Among the attendees were Democratic Senate President Richard Codey, Republican State Senator Leonard Lance, Democratic Assemblyman Gerald Green, and NJN senior political correspondent Michael Aron.

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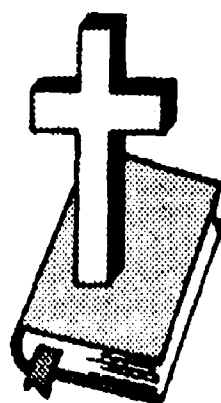
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Community Fears Development Will Cause Disturbance

SAYREVILLE - Residents along Cheesequake Creek are worried that more traffic and noise will be added to the secluded cobblestone street, Old Spye Road. Club Krome, a popular teen nightspot is on one end of the street, and William

Lockwood wants to open a business on the other end. These residents feel their situation will get worse.

Surrounding neighbors first noticed work being done on Lockwood's property in mid-June. A neighbor called the

Department of Environmental Protection immediately. But a zoning officer said the work Lockwood was doing did not require a permit; he was simply cleaning the place up.

"I find it amazing that people think that someone would build a business without getting a permit.

I went in to clean up the garbage. You don't need a permit to remove wire casings," Lockwood said. Once the land is

cleared, Lockwood intends to file an application with the DEP for a permit to install a bulkhead. Eventually, he wants to open a business, either a restaurant, bar or bait-and-tackle shop. Lockwood is co-owner of Lockwood Marina.

Club Krome, formerly Club Bene, was the center of controversy last year when residents complained of loud music, even though the club does not flaunt the many concerts held there and

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Residents also complained of high amounts of traffic up and down their street. However, the club is located directly off of 35 South, which allows access without using Old Spye Road.

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Carden Says Ferguson Misleads Voters

AREA—Tim Carden, 7th District Congressional Candidate, said last week that Rep. Mike Ferguson is misleading voters in his "July 10 Campaign Update." In his newsletter, Ferguson "urges a crackdown on corporate criminals." But a review of Ferguson's Congressional record shows that he never once voted for criminal penalties for corporate executives who break the law.

"Restoring investor confidence is one of the most important issues facing this Congress," Carden said. "My opponent had an opportunity in April to enact strong, effective reforms and

punish corporate executives who commit fraud. He squandered that opportunity and is now trying to fool voters into believing he has been protecting their interests."

Carden said that not only has Ferguson never voted for criminal penalties, but he voted against an alternative to the Corporate and Auditing Accountability Act that would have imposed criminal penalties for CEO's who falsify reports and establish greater auditing safeguards (HR3763, vote #109, 4/24/02; R-0-218; D204-3; Gannet News Service, 4/24/02).

Carden stated his support for making it illegal to use any

scheme or artifice to defraud shareholders and enacting tough criminal penalties for corrupt CEOs, including penalties for securities fraud and for altering, destroying or failing to maintain documents. "The Senate fraud bill, if enacted by the Congress, will help prevent the corporate abuse that brought us Enron and WorldCom," Carden said. "I am not surprised that Ferguson voted for the House bill, correctly perceived as a sell-out to the accounting industry, considering how much money he has taken from the accounting industry."

Ferguson has received more money from the accounting industry than any other member of the House of Representatives, according to *Business Week*. (*Business Week*, 6/24/02, p. 33).

During the debate on the House bill passed in April, Ferguson voted against measures that would have imposed criminal penalties, limited golden parachutes, stopped off shore tax havens, imposed tougher accounting standards and protected working families from holding the bag while CEO's profit from a company's failings.

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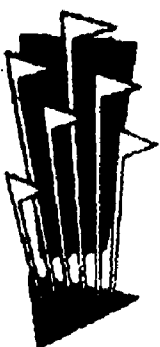
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